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LOCAL PEIPING PEACE CONFIRMED

Fu Tso-yi's Troops Begin To Move Out Of The City

PEACE ENVOYS NAMED

Nanking, January 22.

An official source confirmed that fighting in Peiping was halted at 10 a.m. today in accordance with a local peace agreement.

This source said General Fu Tso-yi's troops have already started moving out of the city for reorganisation by the Communists into a "People's Self-Defence Army."

A small police force has been left inside the city to maintain public order and government organs were functioning as usual.

The Nationalist Government announced tonight that in order to bring about the realisation of peace in China it has appointed a five-man delegation to meet the Communists.

The Government delegates were ready to start peace negotiations with delegates from the Chinese Communist Party at a suitable place agreed by both parties.

The Nationalist delegates are the well-known peace advocate, Shao Li-tze, who has been appointed chief delegate, the Inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chi-chung, Mr. Huang Hsiao Hung, close adviser of the new President, General Li Tsung-jen, Peng Chao-hsien, Vice-President of the Control Yuan and believed to be the representative of the Kuomintang Conservative elements; and Chung Tien-sing, close associate of the Premier Dr. Sun Fo.

Consultation

The decision to appoint a delegation was taken at a full Cabinet meeting at President Li's residence late this afternoon, after the new President had consulted the nation's elder statesmen.

The Cabinet Ministers were not present at the meeting with the elder statesmen and met President Li after he had received the elder statesmen's advice.

The Nationalist side is now awaiting the Communist reaction to the Sun Fo Cabinet decision, which followed in a little more than 24 hours the Generalissimo's decision to retire from the presidency to facilitate peace talks.

The Cabinet met Acting President Li at his home this morning when the new Chief Executive expressed the wish that all ministers should remain at their posts. In this difficult time, he said, there should be as little change as possible in the Government.

The decision of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to step down yesterday was made suddenly, authoritative source told Reuters.

Release Of Young Marshal Demanded

A telegram has been sent to the acting President, Li Tsung-jen, by the Political Reconstruction Association of the North East provinces and the Cultural Society of the North East.

The telegram reads: "China has been passing through a period of darkness for the last 25 years. Now the people are looking forward to a new age and the safeguarding of their liberty and freedom."

"At this time we remember that Chang Hsueh-liang, who fought only to further the patriotic anti-Japanese movement assumed responsibility for the so-called Sian Incident."

"Without thought for himself he advocated that there should be a coalition of all parties in China so as to present a united front to the outside enemy."

"The telegram continues: 'Chang Hsueh-liang has been illegally imprisoned for 12 long years, but among the people of China he is remembered with affection. During the present crisis confronting the nation the people of the North-East and of the entire country desire that he should be set free so that he may contribute toward the reconstruction of a new China.'

"It was learned that similar telegrams, requesting his release, are being sent to Dr. Sun Fo, Premier, by the Liberal Democratic Action Committee of China, and the International Committee of China for the Protection of Human Rights."

General Yu Sworn In

General Yu Han-mow was sworn in as Director of the Kwangtung Pacification Headquarters at Canton yesterday, according to messages from the Kwangtung capital.

General Yu took over the post from Dr. T. V. Soong, who is reported to be planning to leave for the United States.

General Hsueh Yueh, appointed by the Central Government as the new Governor of Kwangtung, was not present at the ceremony. He has not yet arrived in Canton.

Previous reports said he has declined the governorship of Kwangtung.

Today, it followed an interview between the Generalissimo and General Chiang Chih-chung, leader of the peace faction.

General Chang was reported to have told Chiang Kai-shek that he intended to return immediately to his former post in Lanchow provincial capital of Kansu.

Observers said that this would have meant the collapse of Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet and the failure of peace talks.

Sigh Of Relief

It was learned reliably this morning that General Chang has now decided to stay in Nanking as Inner Cabinet Minister, unless he is chosen to head a peace delegation to meet the Communists.

Foreign quarters, meanwhile, continued to keep their own counsel on yesterday's fast-breaking developments. In unofficial remarks by attaches and other Embassy and Legation quarters there was a collective sigh of relief that the uncertainty since the Generalissimo's New Year message had been dispelled. Now foreign observers know where they stand with regard to the Government.

These quarters cheered by Chiang Kai-shek's action, point to the Chinese history he helped to make as another hopeful sign. This was not the first but the third time that he stepped down in order to achieve unity in the Kuomintang.

The first time was in 1927 when he was Hunan's commander and became involved in a dispute with Wang Ching-wei, the Nanking commander, who later became Japan's puppet President of China. Chiang bowed out then in favour of Wang and brought harmony.

The second time was in 1931 when the Generalissimo, then in Nanking, split with Sun Fo, who was in Canton. Both Chiang and Sun were aspirants to the title of party leader. Chiang again refused to press the dispute, once more uniting the leaders.

It is in the hope of these quarters now that his action will unite the Nationalists and Communists to bring about peace.

It was announced officially and formally today that Nanking will continue to be the seat of the full government.

No Ministries, sections or commissions have been moved. No orders have been issued for removal to safer places.

The only official change was Chiang Kai-shek's retirement. Under the constitutional provisions Li is still technically Vice-President and is exercising powers of both the Presidency and Vice-Presidency.

Only the National Assembly can fill the office of President and there are no signs of anyone moving to call the General Assembly. A check made with the various government branches — results which were confirmed by the official Government Information Office revealed that to date no branch of the government, however small, has yet been moved from the capital.

As long as Nanking is officially the capital, even though a skeletonised seat of Government, foreign missions plan to remain.

Chiang Kai-shek's retirement from the scene with the expected speeding-up of peace efforts on the other, it is generally predicted, will bolster the efforts of those sections of the government, particularly the Legislative Yuan, not to abandon Nanking under anything short of a full-scale Communist attack.

Some 200,000 Communists meanwhile, are continuing their Southward drive from the Hual River sector as the Government concentrated on efforts to bring about peace, Chinese despatches said today.

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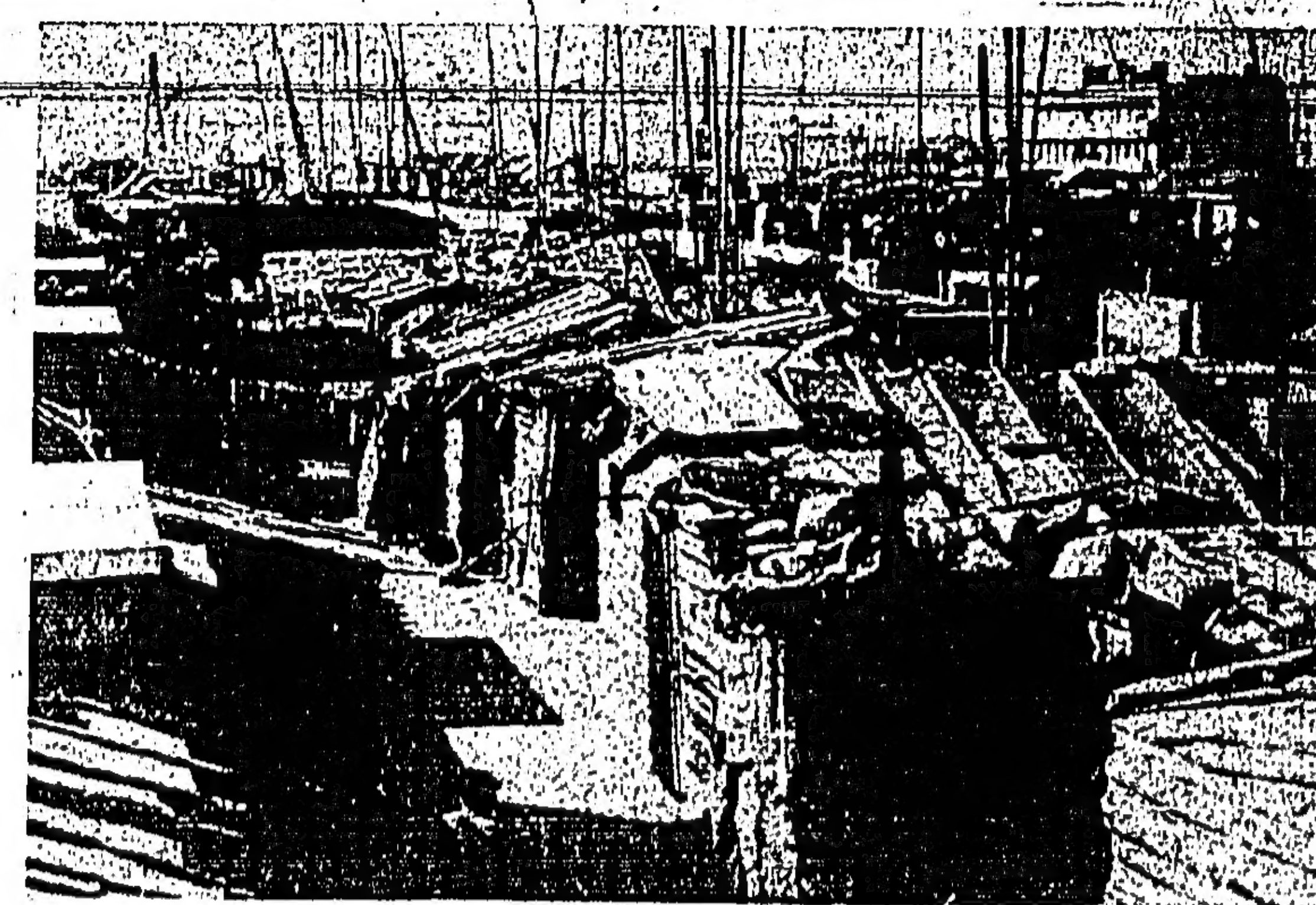
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Basement Fire In Central Area

Considerable excitement was caused shortly after 8 p.m. yesterday evening when huge volumes of smoke were seen issuing from the basement of Chung Tin Building at the corner of Des Voeux Road Central and Ice House Street.

Three engines and a tender from Central under Divisional Officer R. H. J. Brooks, were on the scene within a matter of minutes, followed by another engine from Wanchai.

The gratings on the Des Voeux Road side were pried off by the fire-fighters, and hoses were played on the fire from three sides—Des Voeux Road, Ice House Street and the lane between Chung Tin Building and Alexandra Building.

The police emergency unit under Inspector Penfold were also summoned to keep clear the huge crowd of spectators who had quickly collected.

Prompt action by the Fire Brigade prevented the spread of the fire, which was put out within half an hour of its outbreak.

The basement was used as a godown by a contractor who had rented it from the landlords, the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co. Ltd., and damage to property was estimated at HK\$10,000. Origin of the fire was unknown.

Tram and other vehicular traffic was held up for some 15 minutes.

These are some of the roof top squatters' huts in the Wanchai area which the Government has ordered to be dismantled by Tuesday night. Police and public health officers have been authorised by the Acting Colonial Secretary to evict the squatters by force and demolish their huts, if necessary.—("Sunday Herald" photo)

Wanchai Roof Dwellers Ordered To Dismantle Homes By Tuesday

Several hundred roof top dwellers in the Wanchai district will spend the Chinese New Year in the streets of the Colony. They have been given up to Tuesday night to dismantle their dilapidated wooden penthouses and move elsewhere.

Yesterday, when Sanitary Department personnel were about to evict the squatters, an appeal was made for the eviction order to be suspended until after the Chinese New Year.

The authorities refused, but agreed to give the squatter colonies three days' grace. If they are not out by Tuesday night, force will be used to evict them on Wednesday.

The squatters concerned occupy roof tops and staircases of buildings in an area bounded on the North by Hennessy Road, East by O'Brien Road, and South and South West by Johnston Road. This is the area in which action against squatters was sanctioned in an order by the Acting Colonial Secretary on Friday.

A "China Mail" reporter who interviewed several families of the roof top squatters' colony concerned learned that they have no where to go and are resigned to the fate of being forcibly evicted.

The squatters are mainly rich shopkeepers, clerks, labourers, and prostitutes, and include several Government workers.

They disclosed that they had petitioned the authorities in vain for an extension of stay until after the Lunar New Year, "when we will have more time to look for other homes."

The "China Mail" reporter found the roof tops well kept and swept, and littered with no garbage at all. Fire hazards however, were great as some of the families were seen cooking in their makeshift stoves.

The squatters claimed that the Government order for their removal, issued on Friday, gave them no time to find new homes before the Chinese New Year. After the holidays, they said, they will voluntarily vacate the roof tops.

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N. Korean Revolt Against Red Regime Reported

Seoul, January 22.

Fires and gunfire at the North Korean border town of Haeju indicate a revolt in the North Korean Army against the Communist regime, a South Korean official said today.

Kim Dong Sung, Information Director of the Korean Republic, said the Haeju outbreak began on Wednesday.

He said he had no information on the number of people involved and conceded it was difficult to assess the possibility of the revolt's spreading through the Soviet-sponsored North half of this divided land.

Kim said he had information which he believed reliable that the forces involved in Haeju included a revolting element, a loyal pro-Communist group and a third group which was standing aside to see who won.

It has been the consensus in the South that the Reds were firmly in control throughout the North. However, Kim said the commander of one Northern army unit sent a courier South a month ago asking if his force could join the Army of the American-supported Southern Republic.

Kim said the courier was told Northern troops could cross the 38th parallel individually if they surrendered their weapons but could not be accepted as a unit. He did not say how many men were affected.

Meanwhile, reports reached US Headquarters here that 100 Communist women pilots, experts disguised as refugees, have fled from the North to carry on activities against the Southern Republic.—Associated Press.

No Split For Korea

Seoul, Korea, January 22.

U.S. Ambassador John J. Muccio told a Korean news conference that he cannot envisage any agreement between the U.S. and Russia that would permanently divide Korea.

The country is now divided into U.S. and Russian occupation zones with a government in each zone.—Associated Press.

Dutch Arrest Four More Republicans

Batavia, January 22.

Major-General E. Engles, Dutch territorial commander in West Java, today ordered the arrest of four prominent Indonesians in Bandung.

They included the chairman of the Republican Party in the Parliament of the Federal State of Pasundan, and a member of another parliamentary group.

General Engles said that the arrests had been ordered because the Pasundan Government had not taken the necessary measure to preserve security.

Dr. Soekarno, Indonesian Republican President, is expected to arrive here tomorrow with the three prominent Republicans and two Indonesian Federalist representatives, who visited him yesterday at Prapat on Lake Toba in North Sumatra, according to well-informed circles, quoted by the Aneta news agency here today.—Reuters.

Britons Healthier

London, January 22.

Britons were healthier and fiercer than ever before in 1948, according to the Registrar General's annual report for England and Wales, published last night.

Fewer babies died under the age of 12 months, still-births were the lowest on record, and the general death rate was the smallest ever known.

Deaths — 470,282 — were the lowest for 15 years. Taking into account a rise of some 3,600,000 in population, this represented a record low rate of 10.8 per thousand of the population.

Total deaths of babies under one year were 20,638 — a rate of 34 per thousand, the first time it has fallen below 40.—Reuters.

UN Needs Money For Palestine

Cairo, January 22.

"The United Nations money raising organisation is extremely disappointed at the slow response to the appeal for contributions for relief work in Palestine," said Mr. Stanton Griffiths, director of UN relief for Palestine, in a broadcast over the Egyptian State Broadcasting System on Friday night.

He was appealing to world governments for money and supplies to feed, clothe and shelter the thousands of men, women and children made homeless by the fighting in Palestine.

"We will accept anything from a peanut to a canned elephant," he said.

The United Nations have appealed for \$32,000,000 from member and non-member nations for this work.

Even if refugees number only 600,000, and not 800,000 as some officials estimated, Mr. Griffiths said, all of the \$32,000,000 will be needed to keep the programme going until November 1 and to provide time for a solution of the refugee problem.

The ultimate solution can only come by finding for the refugees homes, work and "all of the opportunities of living which make them self-respecting citizens whether by repatriation or however it is going to be," he said.

Mr. Griffiths said that the food being distributed by his organisation and the co-operating Red Cross and Quaker organisations will give 600,000 refugees an average of 1,970 calories a day.

Children under 15 and pregnant women will receive more than the average aid from the UN Children's Fund.—Associated Press.

Russia Nearer To Making Atom Bomb

Washington, January 21.

A Harvard University researcher said today that Russia has discovered enough uranium in Central Asia to lay a possible basis for the development of atomic power.

Mr. D. B. Shimkin of Harvard's Russian research centre also said that the Soviet Union may have discovered significant uranium deposits in Siberia and the Ukraine.

The report was published in "Science", weekly journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Mr. Shimkin based his statements on a "fair amount of authentic information" which he said has been published on Russian uranium resources.

He said: "Soviet discoveries of uranium in Central Asia within the last decade, while in no sense approaching the great significance of African and Canadian deposits, appear to provide a possible basis for the development of atomic power in that area."

"The possibilities for the discovery of significant uranium deposits associated with pegmatites (granite) in the region between Lake Balkash and the Alder gold fields in Siberia and in the Ukraine also exist."

He pointed out that the Central Asia deposits are situated within a radius of 250 miles of the great hydroelectric plants of the Tasskent area. He said that labour transportation and climatic conditions would favour the power there.—United Press.

The Weather

At 0000 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) the continental anti-cyclone is still extensive and continues to dominate the area, but has weakened considerably.

Today's Forecast—Light variable winds, becoming moderate SE during the day. Fine haze.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 65.6 deg. F. Minimum: 44.4 deg. F. Sunshine: 10.5 hours.

Mainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 2.00 mm.—0.08 inch as against an average of 22.5 mm.—0.89 inch.

Readings at 4 p.m. 10 a.m.: 102.9 101.7 m.b. Baro. at m.s.l. Equals 30.21 29.96 inches. Rel. Humidity: 72 76 %.

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HK'S FISHERMEN HAVE BUMPER YEAR IN 1948

HK Vessels By-Pass Tientsin

Ships from Hong Kong are by-passing Tientsin, recently occupied by the Chinese Communists.

As a result, there is a gradual concentration of shipping at South Korean ports. Local shipping organizations said yesterday that they had not heard from their branches or from their contacts in Tientsin since the Red entry.

They stated, however, that they have cancelled Tientsin from their port lists and are diverting their vessels to Korea, without specifying whether to the North or South.

The Wisaang, which was requested specially by the British Consulate at Tientsin for evacuation purposes, is now on the route. She was the only Japanese liner calling at Tientsin before the occupation.

Butterfield and Swire had two vessels, the Hupeh and Hunan. The Hupeh, which was involved in a shooting incident when she was there on her last trip late in December last year, is by-passing Tientsin and calls at Korean ports only. She is due to reach the Colony from Korea on January 27.

A local Chinese company said that with enough inducement and permission from the local authorities it might send its ship to Tientsin. In the meantime, it is planning to send a vessel to Korea. The majority, however, declined to speculate on resuming operation with Tientsin.

Wants Marriage Dissolved

An application by Mrs. Edith Yates de Saille Robertson for a dissolution of her marriage to Mr. Cameron de Saille Robertson was heard before Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The application was made by Mrs. de Saille Robertson, whose address was given as 11A Carr Street, Waverley, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, on the grounds of alleged adultery.

Hearing of the application was adjourned sine die, as it was desired to call Mr. de Saille Robertson to testify on the question of denial.

Mr. V.L.J. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. H. Capstick of Messrs. Deacons, represented Mrs. de Saille Robertson.

Mr. de Saille Robertson, who is Departmental Manager of Messrs. Gilman and Co., Ltd., was not present in Court or represented at yesterday's hearing.

HOLIDAY FOR KOWLOON COURT

The Kowloon Courts will not be sitting on Chinese New Year Day, Saturday, January 29, it was announced yesterday.

Officers-in-charge of the various police stations have been circulated to have all persons arrested before 12 noon on January 28 brought before the courts by 12.30 p.m. that day.

On January 29, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr will hold a short session, from 10 a.m. at the Yumati Police Station for the sole purpose of remanding persons taken into custody after noon on Friday and early Saturday morning.

On Monday, January 31, the courts will sit in the morning only.



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Fishermen had a bumper year in 1948, according to statistics of the Fishery Department. Fresh fish passing through the market almost trebled that of 1947 which recorded 44,418 piculs as against 121,818 piculs in 1948.

Comparative value was HK\$3,355,512 for 1947 and HK\$8,051,356 for 1948. The big increase in quantity was partly accounted for by the breaking up of the black market racket early in the year, but the increase in output is undeniable. Salt fish and dried fish increased from 189,273 piculs (valued at HK\$1,160,577) in 1947 to 248,367 piculs (valued at HK\$1,941,514) in 1948.

These figures compare with 32,000 piculs fresh fish (valued at HK\$3,120,457) and 211,558 piculs salt and dried fish (valued HK\$18,476,432) in 1946—the year when the fish marketing scheme was instituted.

Same Amount Exported

About 40 percent of the salt and dried fish was exported in 1947, and about the same quantity in 1948.

Price of fresh fish dropped from an average of HK\$97 a picul in 1946 to HK\$57 in 1948.

The fall in price of salt fish was much greater. In 1948 it was HK\$70 a picul, and in 1948 HK\$38.

The figures quoted do not represent the total catch. Some of the fish are eaten in the villages, while some are landed at Swatow, Macao or other points outside the Colony.

Mr. J. Cater, Head of the Fishery Department, told the "Sunday Herald" that 1948 was on the whole a good average year for the fisherman. It was the best year since the liberation.

No Statistics

He could not say whether 1948 was back on a par with the pre-war level, as pre-war statistics were unavailable.

Before the war Japanese trawlers brought a lot of deep sea fish into the Colony. We have now only two modern trawlers, but this fleet will be augmented by at least four more within a month or so, said Mr. Cater.

Arrangement has been made for local men to be trained on these trawlers, which are manned by Northerners, so as to build up personnel for an eventual enlargement of the fleet. Encouragement of deep-sea fishing is one of the aims of the Fishery Department.

In the near future, though no definite date could be given, Hong Kong will set up a research station, along the same lines as those at Home. Plans had already been discussed before the war, and they are now being revived.

SIT-DOWN STRIKE AT SPINNING MILL

Discontent among the workers of the Peninsula Spinning Mill at Lok San Road, Kowloon, developed into a sit-down strike at 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

The workers were dissatisfied with the alleged discrimination in the payment of the Chinese New Year bonus and refused to leave the mill until the matter was settled.

A party of police under Divisional Superintendent George Leys, Inspector S. G. Smith and Sub-Inspector W. J. MacDonald, Officer-in-charge, Hung Hom Police Station, went to the scene in answer to the summons sent by the management.

The workers agreed to submit to arbitration and the police left shortly after.

Globe-Girdling APL Vessels To Be Built

The keel for the first of the American President Lines' three new round-the-world luxury liners is due to be laid early in March.

The three vessels will be constructed by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, under direction of the United States Maritime Commission, for purchase by the American President Lines. They will cost about US\$1,000,000 each, or a total of US\$3,000,000.

The specially designed passenger-cargo carriers will be one-class ships accommodating 228 passengers each. They will be 536 feet overall, with a beam of 73 feet, and cruise at 19 knots. In addition to passenger accommodation, each vessel will provide 25,000 cubic feet of cargo space. The three new ships are due for delivery in 600, 600 and 720 days, respectively, from the start of construction.

On completion, the new liners will be commissioned into immediate service over APL's 25,000-mile itinerary: East to West, around the world, calling at 21 ports in 14 foreign countries.

Service To Persian Gulf

The mv. Star Betelgeuse is due to arrive here today from Singapore to inaugurate the first direct service to the Persian Gulf ports since the war for Everett Orient Line.

To mark the occasion, the company is entertaining local shipping circles to a tea party on board the C2 type motorship today at 3 p.m.

This is the maiden voyage of the vessel to the Far East. She will proceed from Hong Kong to Kobe, her final port of call, and will return here to begin the China-Persian Gulf run.

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Among her port of calls on this new run will be Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Bahrain, Basrah and Khorramshahr.

Chinese Herbalist Certificate Won't Do

Stated by his defence to hold a Chinese certificate to practice as a herbalist, Leung King-mo, aged 28, was fined \$750 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charges of practising as a doctor without registration, and possession of dangerous drugs.

Detective Sub-Inspector D. H. Taylor said that the prosecution arose out of the admission of a Chinese woman into the Laichikok Hospital. This woman told the authorities that between December 8 and 10 last, defendant went to her unnumbered house at Tung Tau Village, Kowloon City, and gave her an injection with a hypodermic syringe.

On the following day, she said, he gave her another injection, but she did not get any better and subsequently decided to go to hospital. She further claimed to have paid defendant \$30 for his services.

On January 17, said DSI Taylor, he raided 2 Lung Kong Road, ground floor, occupied by the Kut Shing Tong Chinese herbalist. On his going to the rear of the premises, he called out in Chinese, "Dr. Leung." A voice behind the partition answered "Wai."

Climbing on to a divan, DSI Taylor peered over the partition and saw defendant holding a basket containing a stethoscope, a hypodermic syringe, and a sterilizer.

When defendant came out of the cubicle, his basket was searched. It contained, besides the stethoscope, hypodermic syringe, sterilizer, 45 ampoules of atropine sulphate, eight ampoules of strychnine sulphate, four tablets of acetonal compound, one ampoule of apomorphine, and a box of ethyl aminobenzoate.

In mitigation, Mr. A. S. C. Comber said that defendant has a wife, three young children, a 60-year-old mother, and a sister, aged 18, who depend on him for support. He made between \$100 and \$200 a month as a herbalist and through the sale of penicillin.

Holds Certificate. Defendant has been practising as a herbalist for a year, and holds a certificate to practice. These certificates, said counsel,

Road Campaign

Unless they "reform," a campaign against irresponsible drivers of motor vehicles on the Mainland will be launched, this week by the Traffic authorities.

The "Sunday Herald" was officially informed yesterday that recently there has been a wave of bad driving in Kowloon—excessive speeding by public cars, and heavy vehicles failing to keep to the left side of the road.

Drivers of all types of motor vehicles on the Mainland have also been neglecting to give the necessary signals when either about to stop, turn, or slow down; it was added.

Reminders

Today

Classical Concert, Tee H. Club, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Exhibition of famous European oil paintings, by Miss B. H. King, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 9.30 a.m.

Motor Show by Gilman and Co., Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Talk on "Egypt, Ancient and Modern" by Major F. C. Miles, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

HITC meeting for voting members only, at Club premises, 3 p.m.

Sketching Party by HK Art Club, Castle Peak, members to assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

Interport Hockey trial, Sookunpop, 10.30 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Sale by auction of factory building of Orient Tobacco Company (C. Ingenoh), Ltd., by Lammer, Brog at 582, Nathan Road, 3 p.m.

Crown Land Auction, FWD office, 3 p.m.

Dinner in honour of Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, by Chinese Manufacturers' Union, 8 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Official opening of Chun Hing Bakery and Confectionery, Factory, by Sir Shouson Chow, Mong Lung Street Shaukwah, 12 noon.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk by Capt. L. D. Gamman, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Burn's Supper, Roof Garden, HK Hotel.

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Mr. Blair-Kerr Gives Findings On Accident

"It appears from all the evidence that Driver Gregory thought he could pass the other vehicle by drawing close to his near side and then pulling out to the centre; and that in the process he hit deceased with some portion (probably the bodywork) of his ambulance. That certainly indicates a degree of negligence on the part of Driver Gregory."

The foregoing was contained in the finding of Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, yesterday at the conclusion of the inquiry into the death of Chung Sze, 55-year-old married woman, who died as the result of being knocked down by military ambulance No. A3284, driven by Private Wilfred Gregory, at Tai Po Kau on December 8.

At the hearing on Friday, Li Fat, the widower, said that he was walking with his wife along the Tai Po Bridge when he saw a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction. His wife, who was slightly in the front, and he drew nearer to the side of the road.

Suddenly, a military ambulance rushed past him from behind. He was struck and flung on to the ground, while his wife was spun round and thrown to the ground. She fell on her back.

Run Forward

Driver Gregory said that the woman was walking behind him, and that she ran forward when she saw the ambulance approaching. In doing so, she went out further to the crown of the road and was struck by a projection in the ambulance.

Dr. R. E. Alvarez at that hearing testified that the woman died of laceration of the brain, intracranial haemorrhage and shock resulting from fracture of the skull. This finding was concurred in by the coroner yesterday.

In his finding, the coroner said that Chung Sze's injuries were caused by her having been either struck or knocked over on the road near the Railway Bridge at Tai Po Kau by military ambulance No. A3284, driven by Driver Wilfred Gregory, 883 Coy. RASC.

"The evidence," said the coroner, "of Li Fat and Driver Gregory differs in various important points and I have to deduce what happened not only from the witness' evidence but from a close study of the measurements taken at the scene by an independent police officer."

Reasonable Speed

"Driver Gregory was travelling at a little over 20 miles an hour, a reasonable speed. But, bearing in mind the width of the road and the width of the two vehicles concerned, if, as Driver Gregory says, the other vehicle was using more than its share of the road, there was only one sensible thing to do and that was to slow down or stop."

"He could only have had a few inches to spare even although deceased had been close against the fence on the left hand side. It appears from all the evidence that Driver Gregory thought he could pass the other vehicle by drawing close to his near side and then pulling out to the centre; and that in the process he hit deceased with some portion (probably the bodywork) of his ambulance. That certainly indicates a degree of negligence on the part of Driver Gregory."

"I am aware that Driver Gregory was originally charged with dangerous and careless driving, and the case came before me in December when, owing to the absence of police witnesses, at the request of the defence, after he had pleaded not guilty, the case was dismissed for non prosecution."

The bride, who is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward David Irwin, was given away by her father.

The bridegroom is Managing Director of W. R. Loxley and Company.

The Reverend Father M. Corbally officiated.

Miss Irwin wore a semi-casual gown of ivory satin and lace, with demure high neckline, lace yoke and light sleeves, and an orange headpiece with delicate drift of hand-embroidered net.

The bridegroom, Mr. W. R. Loxley, wore a tuxedo with a white shirt and a white bow tie.

The bride's going away dress was a tailored grey suit with matching accessories and fur cape.

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Special Broadcasts

During the Chinese New Year holidays, Radio Hong Kong will lengthen its daily broadcasts on January 29 and 31.

On the two days, Radio Hong Kong will be on the air continuously from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Normal programmes will be transmitted on January 29 and 30.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mrs. O. E. Hamilton, Mrs. J. Chevaliers, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hamer, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sponger, Mrs. D. des Roziers, Mrs. K. Allen, Messrs. C. Root, R. S. Macmillan, Messrs. David, N. D. Jones, F. Turner, N. Vayanas, W. A. H. Atkins, W. Marty, D. C. Wilde, and O. E. Hamilton.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Mrs. Juana Bona, Mrs. R. Salinas, Mrs. Pan Pal-shih, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Halden, Messrs. V. C. Tucker, H. A. O'Neal, Russell, E. Kelley, Clyde J. Henderson, J. L. Morgan, Richard W. Loban, and Wong Kam-chew.

Departures for Shanghai by the ss. Shengking yesterday included Messrs. A. F. Keith, E. S. Elkison, P. R. Dixon, D. P. Bernighan, A. C. Evans, M. Hodgins, F. Y. Riberlo, G. Giesse, R. M. Gordon, Miss E. Haddfield, Mrs. G. A. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. W. McInnis, Miss E. Blott, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. King, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Simpson, Miss M. D. Jones, Miss J. A. Penfold, Miss D. I. Ogilvie, Mrs. E. G. Salmon, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Riches, Mrs. M. C. Clay, Miss M. V. Cotterell, Miss M. C. Garnett, and Mrs. O. Pisarev.

Mr. W. P. Thompson has resumed his post as Commanding Officer, Hong Kong, and his deputy, Mr. H. W. E. Heath, formerly Commanding Officer, Kowloon New Territories, has been transferred to Police Headquarters where he will work in conjunction with Mr. L. R. Whant, Director of Criminal Investigations.

Mr. Whant will be proceeding on Home leave in March.

U.S. STEAMER DETAINED

The American steamer Louis Sloss, which arrived here from Los Angeles yesterday with the American Navy submarine chasers on board, was detained for nearly a day in the quarantine bay.

It was reliably learned that the ship has two medical cases, which caused its detention in the bay. The vessel, which is berthing at Kowloon Wharf, is bringing the submarine chasers for the French Maritime Customs in Indo-China.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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The Phone And I

Sir,—Among our public utility companies the telephone concern stands alone. This shining example of post-war efficiency holds the unique distinction of not being able to provide reasonable service to its customers after three years of rehabilitation. In fact, many old telephone subscribers have yet to be reconnected.

There is, admittedly, a shortage of materials and instruments, and it is bound to be difficult to meet the present abnormally increased demand. But the other utility companies have exactly the same situation to cope with, and are doing very well indeed. Of the increased one and a half million residents only a small number requires the use of telephones but nearly all need electric lighting.

Are the particular materials and instruments so very extraordinarily rare that they are still unobtainable after all these years? Or is it a lack of incentive—such as the uncontrolled rent of new buildings—that makes the management look to future expansion by starting to build a costly skyscraper rather than meet present demand by trying to secure some additional equipment? It seems that the possession of an exclusive franchise does not imply that the public may be ignored indefinitely with impunity—or am I mistaken?

O. YEH

"No Statement"

Sir,—The curt rejoinder, "No statement," given by a representative of the Commissioner of Police in response to a request by a member of the Press for information regarding the dismissal of eleven members of the Force, is to say the least of it, most unsatisfactory and it is to be hoped that this matter will not be permitted to rest without a full explanation of Government's action.

The fact that eleven officers, several of them of senior rank, one the Officer-in-Charge of one of the most important districts in the Colony, and all of many years police experience, are dismissed at a time when we are told, the maintenance of law and order is a prime consideration, demands a good deal of explanation and the public is entitled to know the reason for these dismissals.

The impression that has been created in the mind of the public by this unexplained action is, we may say here, that we have tested this reaction, that these men have been guilty of misconduct, the most common offence mentioned being corruption, and this impression has been heightened by the refusal of those responsible to make public the reasons for their dismissal.

If the officers concerned have been guilty of misconduct, the public is entitled to be informed of the action to be taken against them but if not, and allow us to say that we have no doubt that they have not, then this iniquitous situation must be clarified with all possible haste.

These men, have, by the ill-considered action of a Government Minister, in refusing to inform, been exposed to suspicion and such a suspicion unless speedily removed will greatly prejudice their chance of obtaining employment when their services terminate.

The Government of this Colony has apparently not yet come to the realization that British justice and law are founded upon respect for the rights of the individual and these rights cannot be thus lightly thrust aside.

If this instance of petty dictatorship is allowed to pass unchallenged, no Government servant can be sure that he or she may not be exposed to similar suspicion and it is to be hoped that the Civil Service Association will make the cause of these eleven officers its own.

One can imagine the action by the Police Federation which would have followed had these dismissals taken place in Britain and we can assure those responsible, that their contemptible refusal to protect the good name of these men will be brought to the notice of the Federation.

A statement by the Commissioner of Police will be awaited and if it is not forthcoming immediately, the men concerned will be entirely justified if they decide to take legal action to clear their names of the unjustifiable slur which has been cast upon them.

W.

Doctors' Department

Sir,—Much has been written about members of the Medical profession and their fees, but a recent case has eclipsed anything said on the department of some members of this disfigured calling. A Chinese lady who met with an accident while in a certain condition, called in a lady member of the medical fraternity in Kowloon. Despite numerous visits the M.D. could not diagnose the condition of her patient which another practitioner subsequently succeeded in doing in one visit. When the patient, at the solicitude of her family, went to a hospital where she was recommended to another M.D. for a joint consultation, the first doctor unfortunately came on the scene. She loudly proclaimed that she alone was in charge of the case and levelled a stream of abuse at her patient, to the presence of everyone.

Even assuming that it is unethical to call in another doctor without the prior consent of the first, surely in urgent and vital cases, this act of the patient does not warrant such vicious retaliation. We thought the profession of medicine is an ancient and honorable calling. Above all, professions should be those who have care of the sick and maimed should be those who exercise the maximum of forbearance and tolerance towards their charge.

In Shanghai there has been a "Soak the rich policy" but there are people in Hongkong who follow the "Soak the Shanghai" policy, deluded into thinking that all Shanghai comes are loaded with the gold mines of Croesus. In this instance the bill subsequently sent in by the lady doctor reminded me vividly of the charges of the Light Brigade: as much as \$30 a visit. It paid her handsomely to make it a long-drawn-out case which could have been all settled in one visit. To be fair to the doctor it must be said that this price included injections.

Erasthile members of the Medical profession have come in for all the glory and have won it, but there are those among them whose department are incapable with those who follow such a lofty calling.

PIAT JUSTITIA RUAT COELEM

Thanks

Sir,—Will you allow me to express the very grateful thanks of the Family Welfare Society for the prompt and generous response made by so many of your readers to our appeal for clothing and other necessities for the homeless victims of the two fires. We have been able up to date to fit out 123 families sent on to us by the representative of the Government Social Welfare Officer who vouches that the recipients are genuinely in distress.

There are still a number waiting their turn, and further gifts will still be very welcome, especially blankets and Chinese clothing.

We have also received and acknowledged cash to the value of \$900, which is being spent on bedding and household goods.

F. K. LANGFORD, Secretary, Family Welfare Society.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Public subscriptions to the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund received between January 15 and 21 follow:

Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	HK\$ 500.00
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The Hong Kong Council of Social Service acknowledges the following list of donations to the Family Welfare Appeal:

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Daily Farm Inc. & Cold Storage Co. Ltd.	2,000.00
Total	HK\$ 3,957.50

TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Tai Po House, To Kwo Hui, 60, Macdonnell Road, at 8:30 p.m. today.

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L. NEWTON,
Director of Medical Services.
21. 1. 49.

NOTICE

LONDON MATRICULATION

The London Matriculation Examination will be held in Hong Kong in June, 1949.

Entry forms for private students may be obtained from the Education Office 3rd floor, Windsor House and should be returned on or before January 31st 1949. Students attending schools in the Colony should forward their entries through the Heads of the Schools.

Students wishing to enter for London University External Degree Examinations are reminded that it is necessary to register as an external student of the University a considerable time before the actual date of the Examination. Further information may be obtained from the Education Office.

T. R. ROWELL,
Director of Education.
19. 1. 49.

Club XV Beat Royal Navy, Win Tournament Trophy

Club beat Royal Navy by 26 points to nine in a hard fought rugby game at Happy Valley yesterday, thus winning the Quadrangular Tournament Cup which was presented to the winners at the end of the game by Mr. Davies.

Club's victory was due to their forwards, who gave the backs every opportunity by possession of the ball from ninety per cent of the tight scrums.

In the curtain-raiser, RAF-HK Police gave a fine display against the powerful Army

combination, but were forced to admit defeat by 23 points to eight.

Club 26—Royal Navy 9

Navy were superior in the tight and loose and their backs gave Club many anxious moments during the first 15 minutes play.

Club soon settled down, however, and eventually took control of the game. Navy's line-out work was superior to that of Club until the second half, when Carrel, Taylor and Hutson began to gain possession in the tight. Club were always superior and in the loose were ahead of the Navy pack. Wayne, Taylor, Forgate and Hutson being outstanding, while McClelland and Dalglis showed to advantage in the Navy eight.

It was further back, however, that Club showed their superiority, Nolan at fly-half being outstanding, closely supported by Henderson and Robinson and later in the game, de Rome.

There were, however, too many instances of poor handling amongst the Club backs, who otherwise played superbly.

From the kick-off, Navy attacked and although Club were getting the ball in the scrums, their backs were unable to open up the game. After a fine piece of work by their backs, Tulip went over to open the scoring for Navy.

Carrel missed with a good attempt at a penalty goal, then de Rome tried to go through, but was well tackled.

A penalty against Navy for off-side enabled Henderson to bring Club level with a good kick.

Immediately afterwards, a neat movement saw Robinson go over on the right wing, the kick falling. Henderson missed with a good penalty kick and the sound Navy defence held out against repeated Club attacks until the interval, when the score was Club 6 point Royal Navy 3.

From the kick-off on resumption, Club attacking in earnest and Robinson went hard for the corner to put Club further ahead after Franklin had made the running; the kick again failed.

Club forwards were now kicking from practically every scrum and Nelson, after a good break through, gave to Henderson to increase Club's lead to 12 to three.

Navy forwards took the ball from Club defenders and Murray went over with the ball at his feet to increase Navy's score to six, the kick hitting the goal-post.

Warne then had a good run, but was pulled down; the ball however came out to Nolan, who scored a grand try. Club 15 pts. Navy 6 pts.

Navy increased their score with a good kick by Allandale. Henderson then missed with a difficult penalty kick. Franklin and Nolan had a good run, the ball eventually going to Warne, who forced himself over, Alex Taylor bringing out full points—20 pts. to 6 pts.

Club were playing beautiful rugby now and after splendid play by their backs, de Rome fought his way over to bring the score to 23 pts. to 9 pts.

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In an endeavour to avoid a head-on collision the helmsman swerved the ship sideways. Fortunately there were no other craft nearby.

After a delay of about five minutes the vessel managed to berth and the passengers were discharged. No one was injured, and damage to the ship was negligible.

A huge crowd collected on the praya to watch the Meridian Star manoeuvring back to her berth.

Army 23—RAF-HK Police 8

RAF-HK Police forwards played some grand football and for once were ably supported by fast moving centres, who accepted every chance, especially when Army mishandled.

Army owe their win to Wilson. ARMY 23 RAF-HK POLICE 8, who made practically every opening.

Brown went over to open the scoring for Army within the first few minutes of play. However, they were not long in the lead, as the combined team, gathering a dropped pass by Roberts, took play to Army's half and their right centre went over for a splendid try which took converted.

Not to be out-done, Army attacked and Wilson wormed himself over inimitable style to put the score at 6 pts. to 5 pts. in favour of Army, the goal kick failing.

Shortly afterwards, Roberts touched down after Wilson had made the opening; the kick again failing. Army 9 pts. RAF-HK Police 5 pts.

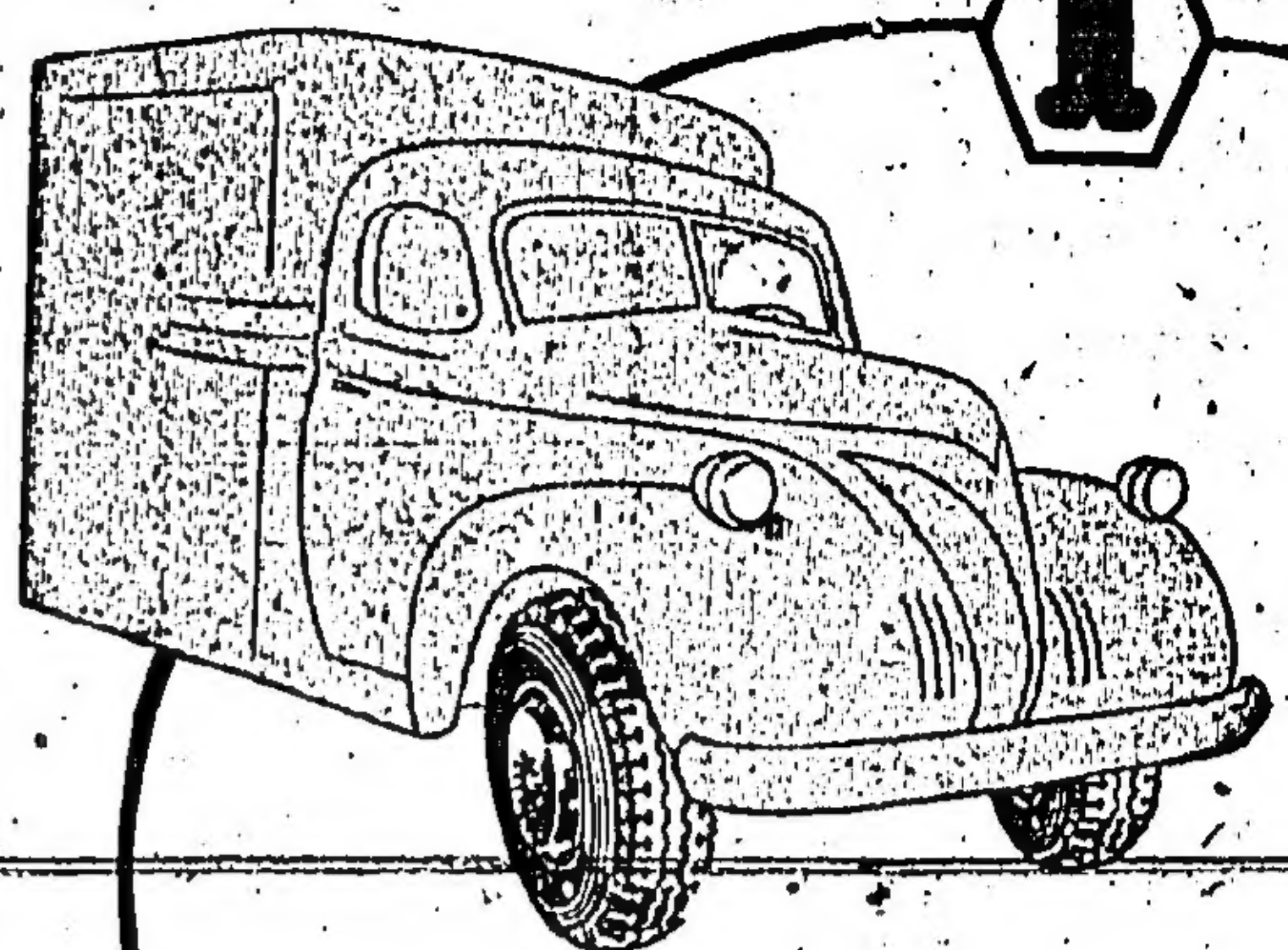
Conic then cleared a difficult situation with a good touch kick; however, Wilson kicked a good penalty kick to put Army further ahead.

Combined team showing more spirit than for some time, fought down-field, forwards and backs intervening cleverly to allow Wright-North to go over for a grand try, the kick again failing.

Half time came with the score 12 pts. to 8 pts. in favour of Army.

After the interval, RAF-HK Police forwards began to tire, allowing Army to win by 23 pts. to 8 pts.

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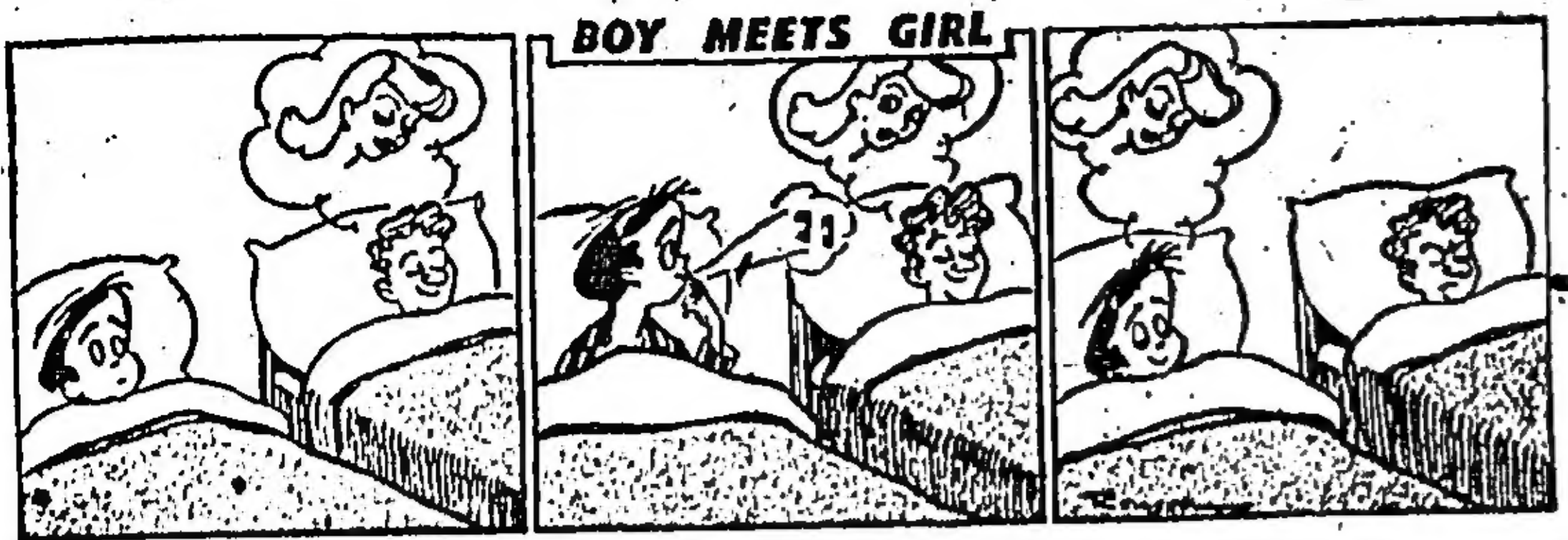
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Jolly Jokes About Mr. Attlee

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You've already heard it? Which is your favourite, then?

"A sheep in sheep's clothing?"

"Anyone can get to be Prime Minister nowadays. I mean, look at Mr. Attlee—he's proved it, hasn't he?"

They used to say, in the days before Public Relations Officers were invented, that any publicity was better than no publicity. I wonder!

Not that Mr. Attlee has ever sought publicity. "He's far too modest a man—with far too much to be modest about." He's so reticent that some people, like Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Bevin, and Mr. Morrison, seem to be under the impression that he is reticent long ago.

"Tut, tut," said the wits at Tribunal-time, "none of this would ever have happened if poor Mr. Attlee had been alive."

That gag, as it happened, was an old one. Like most popular entertainments, it originated in America, where Mr. Truman was the victim.

Mr. Truman not long ago was as easy a target for gibes as Mr. Attlee is today. Yet Mr. Truman has made a triumphant comeback.

Truman's Speech

Now the Socialists are hoping that their own "little man" (the description is Ernest Bevin's), having so nakedly Britain's laughing-stock, will repeat Truman's success.

In fact, Socialist propagandists, despairing of finding with which to laugh at their leader's popularity, seem to be employing the American President as his stand-in.

While Mr. Attlee has been despairingly engaged in his digressions-like search through the back benches for worthy successors to Mr. Bevin and others, the Socialist Press has been attempting to maintain its circulation by plugging Mr. Truman's Address to Congress.

The T.U.C.-ridden Daily Herald finds industrial relations in Britain a rather touchy topic, so it has called in Truman to the rescue. "The state of the Union is good" is a more comforting sentence to read than "The state of the Unions is rotten," though the latter might be more immediately relevant.

Nevertheless, it is a little puzzling to see Mr. Truman's New Look New Deal being sold as a plagiarism of Mr. Morrison's copyright on "Let's Face the Future."

The President's speech was an eloquent expression of faith in the vitality and prospects of American capitalism, coupled with some unexceptionable promises of action along Tory Reform lines.

Plural State

America is prepared to improve her system and to move forward towards the sensible plural State. Big Business will lose wrongful privileges, but these are not, as in Britain, merely to be transferred lock,

stock, and barrel to another minority, that of Organized Labour.

The jubilation in Transport House was a less reliable interpretation of the Presidential Address than the firm advance in Wallstreet prices which followed its delivery.

However, it may be that both these quarters will before long be in the dumps again should Mr. Acheson find himself incapable of preventing his vote-happy President from carrying out his crazy plan to bring off a last-lap peace "settlement" with Russia. Mr. Truman is unfortunately in no mood to be warned that Moscow is not Kansas City and Stalin is a boss harder to please than any J. Pendergast.

The man from Missouri still wants to be shown what everybody else knows: we must pray that the experiment may not prove disastrous and undo all Mr. Marshall's great work.

By ALASTAIR FORBES

No Prizes

Mr. Truman is America's Man of the Year. But our Mr. Attlee has earned no such prize.

This is to be a year of trouble in industry. The Communists have revived a war-time slogan of theirs and given it a new and sinister meaning—"Strike now in the West!" Anarchy is being openly encouraged among the workers. The terms have been allowed to undermine the whole great structure of British Trade Unionism.

All this could have been foreseen and prevented. But Mr. Attlee just went on doodling on the White Papers of his Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The latter has been praised at home. He has managed to restore faith in the pound sterling.

But let us remember that it was not Mr. Attlee's discretion but Doctor Dalton's indiscretion that put Sir Stafford in control of our finances.

And we must remember, too, that Sir Stafford's plans are dangerously tinged with isolationism and may carry in them the seeds of Europe's destruction, unless they are altered in the months ahead in such a way as to revive the trading which alone will breathe life back into the threatened continent with which our destiny is inescapably linked.

Nevertheless, Sir Stafford deserves our thanks. He has been the architect of a victory, contributed to by all classes and parties, but a victory which is only a first and essential step away from the disasters into which our circumstances and Daltons had led us.

What of Mr. Attlee's other strong man, Mr. Bevin? For a year or more we praised him for his good intentions. At the end of that time it was clear that his bad luck was as chronic as to render incapable the conclusion that his incomprehension and incompetence were, confounding causes of it.

Long ago he should have returned to his trade unions, before he had forfeited all authority with them, in order to steel them for the effort to fulfil Cripps's demands upon them in the face of continual Communist attack.

A Bevin Boy

Again Mr. Attlee failed to act. Mr. Bevin is one of the many boys who regards himself as indispensable to his job.

The Middle East, Mr. Bevin told us, was the key to Britain's future security from war. He would fix the Middle East; even stake his reputation on it.

Well, he's certainly fixed it. From the moment he started negotiations with the Egyptians he has managed to do the wrong thing at the wrong time.

He has set Jews and Arabs alike against Britain; having first contributed to the outbreak of a war, he proceeded to back the wrong side in it and has now caused the gravest danger to British communications and world peace.

He had to be bludgeoned by Mr. Churchill and the Americans into a European policy, the enactment of which he has done everything possible to hold up by a series of sit-down strikes which he refers to as pauses for thought. He has failed to speed or consolidate the unification of Europe by a single act of statesmanship.

Mr. Bevin is like a ship down by the stern, his plates are buckled, his steering gone. It is probably too late to get any concrete poured into his bilges. Yet Mr. Attlee continues to consider him as seaworthy.

The truth is that Mr. Attlee cannot find able Ministers in his party. If his health permitted it he would take over each vacant portfolio himself, for he is certainly a sound, hard-working politician of wide knowledge and experience. But he is forced to carry on with the duds he knows, since he deeply mistrusts what brilliance he can recognise on the benches beside and behind him. For his modesty is not so great that he does not know that, outside the Cripps-Bevin-Morrison triumvirate, almost the only man in his own party in whom he places some confidence is himself.

Election Decision

It is a dismal reflection on Socialist Party affairs that he is probably right in this view. Now he awaits the Tribunal's report before taking a decision on the date of the election. Then we shall have nice electoral bribes clothed in smooth respectability.

Mr. Attlee has seen a lot of human nature since he first embraced Socialism. Perhaps he has got a little disillusioned by it. But his election manager, Mr. Morrison, knows human nature too. "In politics," he said last week, "one must never neglect it nor underestimate it." How meaningful are such words in the mouth of a party boss. Is human nature so base? Will artful Mr. Morrison succeed in persuading us once more to put the government of our country into the hands of "the little man" and allow his "quiet little voice" to speak for Britain? If he should succeed, Britain will truly have become a modest little country, with much to be modest about.

WE TRY TO BOLT MALAYA'S BACK DOOR

Siam, backdoor to Malaya, has become a key position in the struggle against Communism in South-East Asia.

As British troops push the Communists farther North up the Malay Peninsula there is a danger that the rebels may try to regroup across the frontier.

This is jungle country, heavily wooded and hilly, and would be an ideal place for the guerrillas to lie up in and lick their wounds. The frontier lies some 500 miles away from Bangkok, the Siamese capital, and is hard to control; Communications are poor.

So British diplomats are doing their best to shut this backdoor to Malaya. Success of the campaign may depend on how firmly the door is bolted.

Seek Break

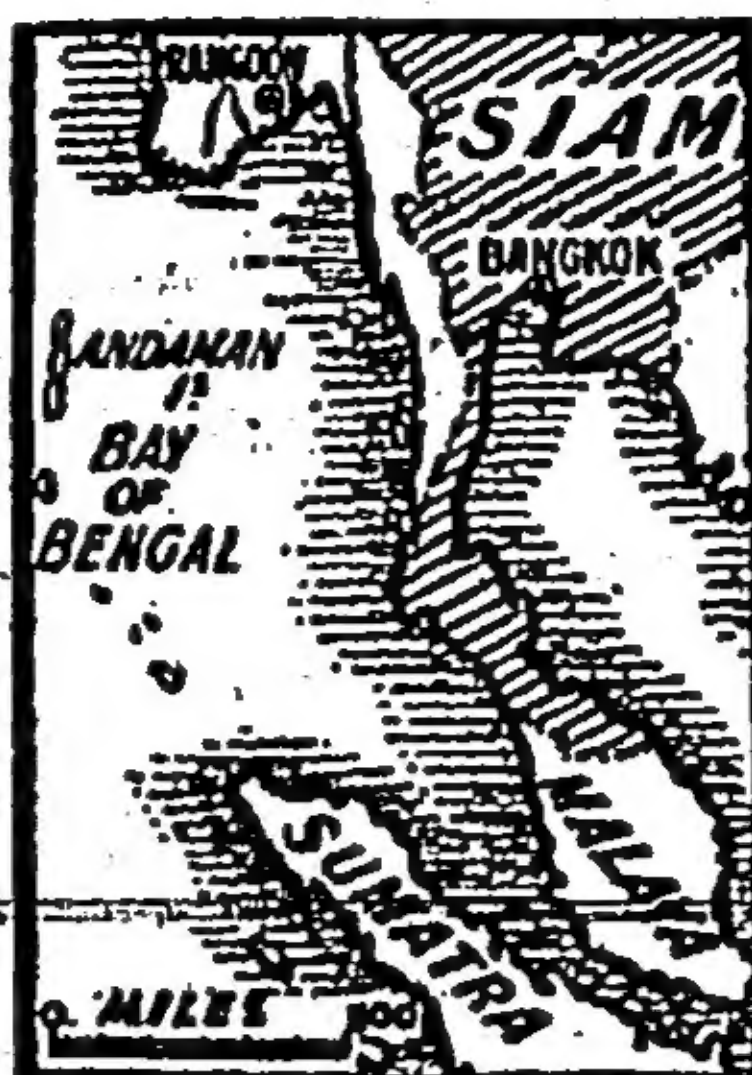
The first step towards a pincer movement on both sides of the frontier came when Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner for South-East Asia, visited the Siamese Premier, Field-Marshal Pibul Songkram, strong man of the country.

Today a Siamese liaison officer is stationed at Kuala Lumpur, and a British Consulate has been set up at Songkhla. The Siamese have asked Britain for armaments suitable for frontier warfare.

In return, the British have given assurances to Siam that they will not encourage any leanings towards independence among the Muslim Malay population.

For over a year now, Indonesian agitation with Communist leanings have been inciting the Malays of the South to break from Siam. Articles in British newspapers in Singapore championing the Malay cause has made Siam suspicious.

The Siamese anxieties on this score were somewhat relieved



It is in this area that Siam (shaded) holds the key in the struggle against Communism.

By FRANCIS DODWELL

when Malay police recently swooped on a Singapore factory, making badges for the "Kris" (independence) movement and closed it down.

As a concession, the Siamese Premier has promised to improve conditions for the Malays who live in Siam's Southern provinces. Siamese officials going there are now required to learn the customs and the language of the Malays and the Muslim religion is to be fully respected and recognised.

A Muslim teacher in a Malay school in Bangkok has been appointed head of the Muslim in Siam and will be liaison officer between the Siamese Government and the Malays.

The Siamese Prime Minister, fortunately for Britain, is the

implacable enemy of the Communists.

Aged 51, graying slightly, about 5ft. 11in. in height, the Field-Marshal has served longer than any other Siamese in the capacity of Premier since the coup d'état of 1932 gave Siam constitutional government.

His first term as Premier was from December, 1938, to August, 1944, during which time he was Minister of Defence and Commander-in-Chief of the Army. After the war he went into retirement, but took office again in April, 1948.

His office has not been an easy one, for he has had to rely on the doubtful support of "apostate" groups against the Democrats, whom he ousted from power. Many would like to see a less dominating personality at the helm. Nevertheless, up till now the Field-Marshal has been able to find enough support.

Rice Problem

The rice question may still be the most difficult problem he has to solve. In the past, Siam has failed to deliver the quota due from her under the International Emergency Food Council scheme and, though production is better this year, an agreement has been signed whereby Japan will get some of the exportable rice in return for rolling stock.

This will have its effect on Malayan politics, for the will of the people to resist Communist slanders and terror depends to a great extent on the rice which Malay gets from Siam.

Field-Marshal Pibul Songkram may find in his battle against Communism that grains of rice can prove to be better ammunition than the most modern bullets.

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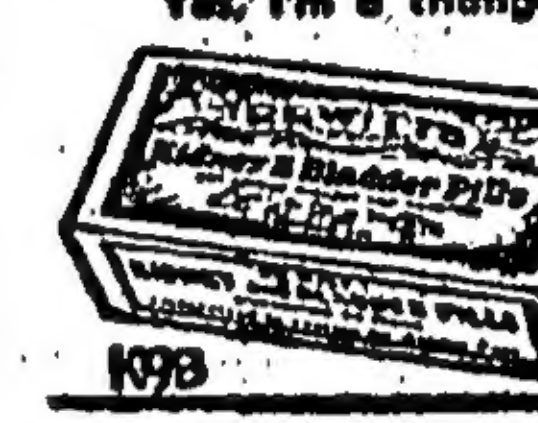
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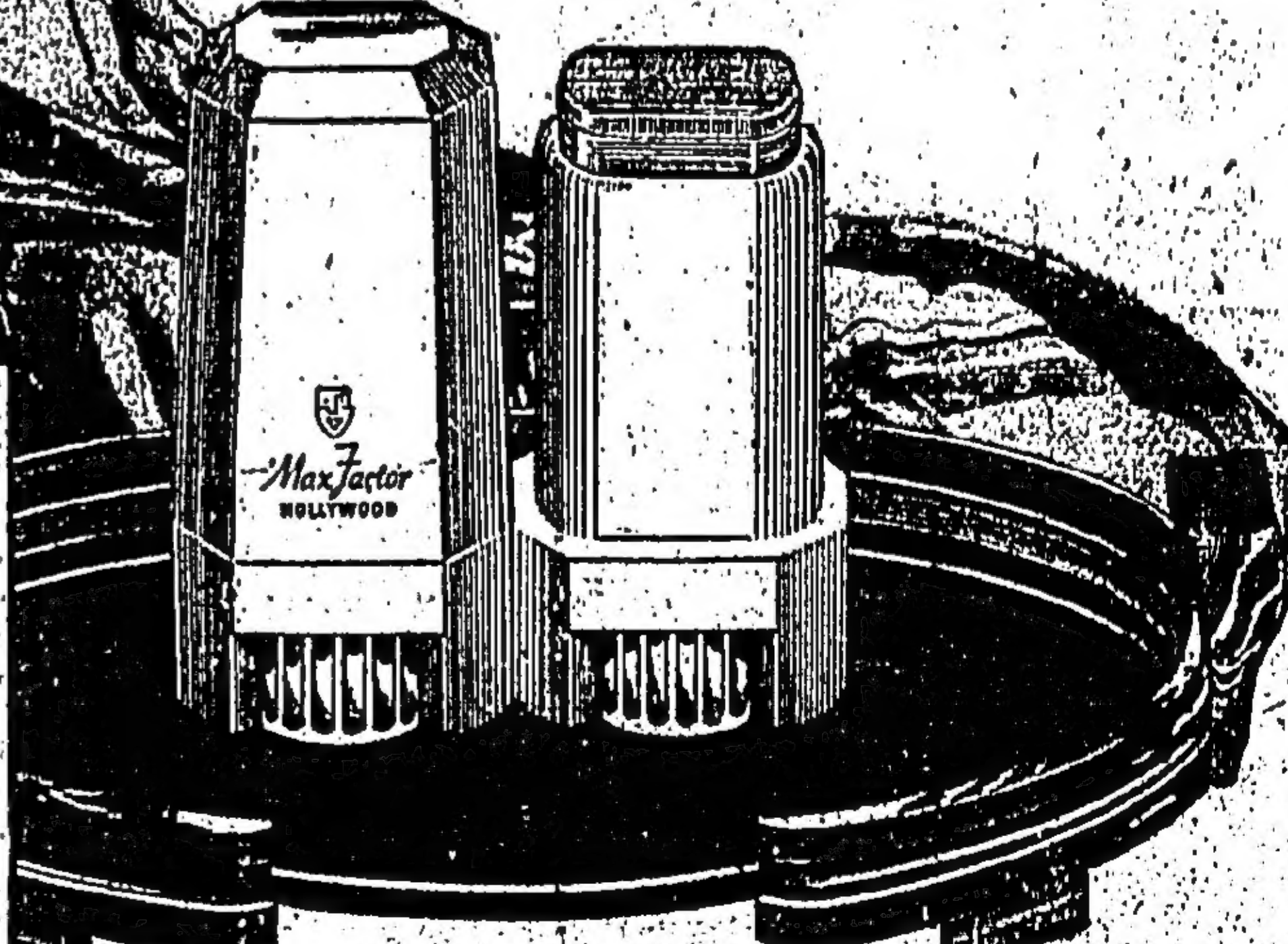


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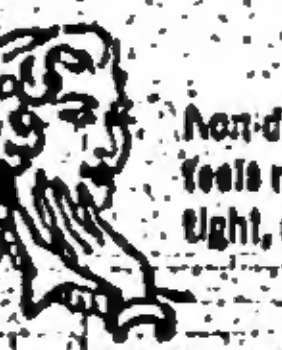
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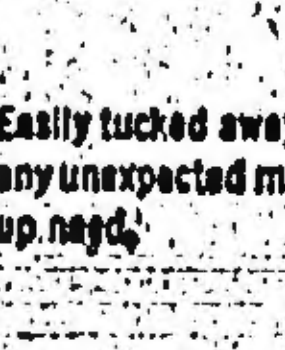
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SHANGHAI THINKS EVACUEES SHOULD STAY IN HONG KONG

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Shanghai, January 20.

The Hague's Action In Navy Mishap

The Hague, January 21.
Neutral naval experts, briefed by the International Court investigating Britain's dispute with Albania over the mining of two Royal Navy destroyers, are expected to begin their inquiry in Yugoslavia.

The naval mission comprising Commodore S. A. Forsell (Sweden) and Lieutenant Commander E. J. W. Elfrich (Netherlands) will be accompanied by Commander E. R. D. Swarder, the British Naval representative and Captain Ormiston, representing Albania. Commodore J. Bull of the Royal Norwegian Navy, the third member of the neutral committee, which has already submitted a special report to the court's question on the dispute, will remain at The Hague.

The Committee is expected to go first to Sibenik, Yugoslavia, and then to Tirana and Saranda in Albania. Albania today said before the International Court of Justice that it had now been proved that the mining of the Corfu Channel in 1946 could have been done by any foreign State without the operation being seen or heard from the Albanian coast. Britain has charged Albania with the responsibility for the mining of the British destroyers Saumarez and Volage in the Corfu Channel in October 1946 in which 44 sailors died and has claimed £1,000,000 compensation. Professor Pierre Cot, for Albania, reiterated that Greece could have laid the mines as a provocation. He held that Britain had not proved that Albania had committed a breach of international law and there had been no evidence, to show that the mines which caused the disaster were laid by Albania or with Albania's complicity. — Reuter.

PRINCE CHARLES STRAIT NAMED

London, January 21.
The Colonial Office announced tonight that King George has approved a suggestion that a hitherto uncharted Antarctic Channel in the South Shetland Islands should be named Prince Charles Strait after his infant grandson. The Strait, in which soundings were recently taken by a Falkland Islands survey vessel, lies between Elephant Island and Cornwallis Island, 600 miles off the tip of South America. — Reuter.

To those still left in the Shanghai, the news from Hong Kong that erstwhile evacuees are contemplating returning does not make sense. The expensive living in Hong Kong is given as the main reason, but in Shanghai at present—especially with the defeatist tenor of the city—it should be the last city to take back anybody.

The only things at all cheap here today are blackmarket goods, which, in the true economy of the city, are the least necessary. Key-money has taken a slide, and the room that formerly cost US\$1,000 today sells for US\$200. With the exodus of the IRO, many changes of tenants have occurred, and many rooms were given away. There were no bidders, and hence no money transactions. The expensive flat that used to cost foreigners anything up to US\$300 a month, either remains untenanted or has dropped to US\$100 that is if the traffic will bear it. More than a few families have moved from expensive flats to cheaper ones on the promise, so that when the Communists come, they will not be included in the "capitalist class."

American foodstuffs are as cheap here as they were in Hong Kong last October. In the recognized markets here, such as in Central Arcade and along Bubbling Well Road stores of the "tinny type" are outbidding each other. Much of it has been smuggled in, but much of it, too is resale, by the Chinese Quarter-master Division. (BOSEY) of surplus foods, carried here by UNRRA ships from Guam and the neighboring Islands.

Higher Prices

Similarly, army surplus clothing is cheap. US\$5 buys a complete winter uniform now, while for an additional \$7 a new overcoat is purchasable. Cigarettes are plentiful, and in GY they average 75 American cents for a carton of any brand. Lesser known American brands are much cheaper.

Local foodstuffs are becoming, if anything, more plentiful. Most of the peasant type farmer is coming into the city, and the markets are showing more of a display of variable foods. Prices are higher daily, however, despite the decline in GY, to the U. S. dollar.

The usual 100-lb. bag of rice costs the equivalent of US\$47 about 1400 GY. A small egg costs GY4 a large one GY8. Meat runs to 40 to 70 GY a pound, and a chicken 70 to 80 a pound. Fish, 40-50 a pound and sugar from Taiwan, 40 GY a pound.

In terms of Hong Kong currency, these prices may be comparatively small. But since many foreigners, working for semi-Government agencies here earn the equivalent from US\$40 to \$80 a month, these are little for clothing and amusement.

But even for the large wage earner the position here is lonely. It is not only the strict curfew, which stops all night life at

10 p.m. It is the air of defeatism, that is more comparable with Melbourne's or Sydney's or that of Northern Australian towns, when the Japanese bombed Darwin in 1942 and the pick of Aussie soldiers were in the Middle East, fighting Rome.

Getting Out

There is no question of "it" the Communists come—it is "when." The sight of the exhausted Chinese soldier, who clambers on the trunks and busses, sometimes with his rifle, does not give any feeling of comfort. The general view of him is that he is a decent enough fellow, but doesn't know what it is all about. Tienstin's fall hardly raised a ripple here, nor does talk of Nanking after anything but the "when" variety. For the Chinese, peace talks are the sole factor they desire.

For the foreigner, especially the business man, it is that old time, crying menace from those interested—"What do I get out of it, if either wins?" The Marines and Navy here, of both Great Britain and America, are the foreigners' one happy thought. The ill-fated Advisory Group is getting out, however, and daily along the Whampoa US ships, are plying the shuttle run from Nanking-Tsingtao to Shanghai, with non-surplus goods, to be reshipped by Army transports to American Territories.

The Advisory people have almost completed their removal, and only the Marines and Naval forces are expected to be seen about after a few weeks more.

Meanwhile, however, things are moving in Shanghai fashion—the streets are still crowded, the shops still on the lookout for business. There are foreigners on the streets and soon there will be hardly any when IRO completes its 6,000-man evacuation. Jobs are still scarce, especially for the civil servants, who formerly worked with the Chinese forces. Whatever way you look at it, Shanghai isn't much use for any mortal these days.

IRO REQUESTS SHIPS FROM U.S. NAVY

Shanghai, January 22.

The International Refugee Organisation has asked the United States Navy for ships for the transportation of local displaced persons in an extreme emergency.

Mr. Jennings Wong, the Far Eastern Director of the IRO, told reporters that his organisation had approached the United States Navy for the use of LST in case of a possible transportation crisis here.

No Warships

He emphasised that only LSTs and not warships were being sought from the United States Navy.

Mr. Wong said the IRO had not approached the Royal Navy. Enlarging on the transportation crisis of the IRO, Mr. Wong stated that, in all probability, action on a daily basis will be initiated next week with the Transocean Airlines and various rival companies participating.

The aim of the IRO, the Director pointed out, was to expedite the movement of displaced persons from Shanghai. Hitherto only slightly more than 800 of some 6,000 evacuating dis-

placed persons have been transported to the temporary resettlement centre in Samar, in the Philippines. — Reuter.

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4.40 p.m.—Interlude.
4.45 p.m.—"Take It From Here." (London Relay)
4.55 p.m.—The University Programme. Law No. 12 Comparative Law by Professor Westley. (BBC)
5.00 p.m.—"Symphony Concert." Rosini Le Scale Di Scala—Overture.

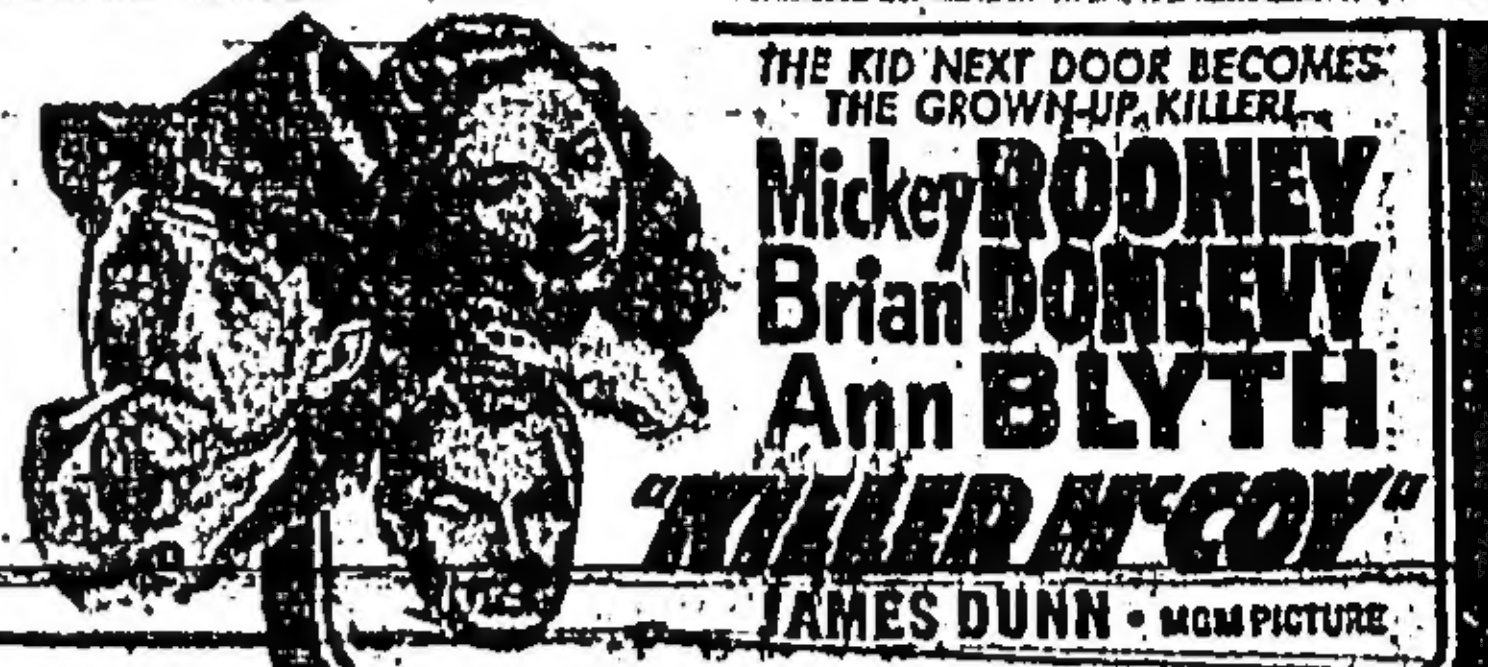
5.15 p.m.—Beethoven conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Dr. Rankin. Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104.
5.30 p.m.—Yau Cassia (Cello) and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by George Bell. Last Morning Song "Morning in Summer." Dedicated to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth Harriet-Cohn (Piano) with the Orch. Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent.
5.40 p.m.—Radio News. Reel. (London Relay)
5.45 p.m.—Weather Report.
5.50 p.m.—Symphony Concert (Cont'd) Brahms: Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98. Felix Weingartner conducting the London Symphony Concert. Marche Pontificale (Widor). Scherzo (Whitlock). Arnold Richardson. Overture.
6.00 p.m.—Epilogue, conducted by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach. (Studio)
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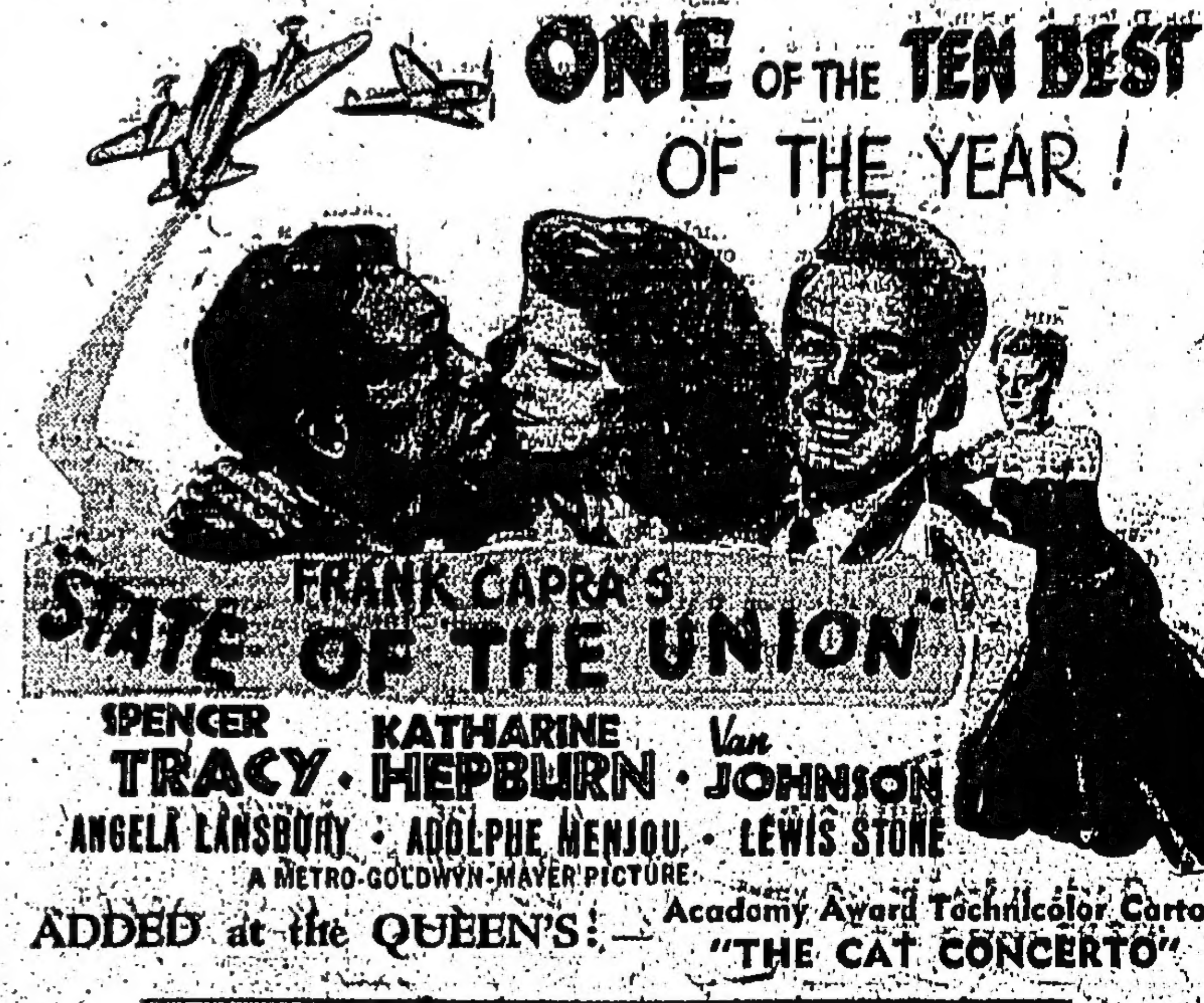
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The name is Marcella Tickle. Tickle, we call it, and so will you. I'm one of Mr. Tom Arnold's young ladies, and at the moment I have a nice engagement at Harringay.

I appear 20 times a night in Mr. Arnold's circus, dressed in a variety of breath-taking ensembles (it says in the book).

I carry round the number boards showing which turn is coming up next. Without me—and, I suppose, in a kind of way, the programme—the audience wouldn't know whether they were looking at the polar bears or the elephants.

It's interesting work and, although I say it myself, it isn't the kind of work just any girl could do. We have to walk round through a lot of sawdust. You try walking round through a lot of sawdust in a gait South American costume, carrying a number board, and see if you can keep those hips moving with an even flow.

Well, the other evening I was waiting at the entrance for the Grand Parade, on which we open, when this character comes up and says his name is Patrick Scramble, or something.

I don't much like the look of him. That's one objection I have to this circus work. In the theatre—and I know what I'm talking about because I've played panto before now—a gentleman has to give his card to the stage-doorkeeper before he can begin to mix it; but in the circus you're liable to get tangled up with any Tom, Dick, or Harry who can pay the entrance fee.

Anyway, this Scramble character, after staring at me for a long time, suddenly says, "Excuse me, I hope you don't mind my asking, but do you like your job?"

Don't like the look of him at all. Perhaps he's from the management. Or maybe he's mad.

"What's it to you, Gentlemen George?" says I. You have to be extra careful in circus work. Slugs strike; it's bad enough, but when some of them get a whiff of the sawdust, a girl's liable to find herself hanging out of the chandelier by her feet.

Then he tells me he's working for a newspaper. Says he wants to write something about the circus—"from the inside."

"Well," says I, "that's different"—as, indeed, it is. "Wait a minute," says I, "and I'll get my buttons." I've plenty, as a matter of fact—the chorus in this show made my mouth water... the Twelve Rosettes are trained to a hair...

"I don't want to see your cuttings," says this Scramble. "I want the real you. What does it feel like slogging out there into the sawdust carrying a notice-board, knowing that everyone else is looking at the darling young girl on the flying trapeze?"

I don't see what he's getting at. I mean, it's a nice engagement with 20 changes of costume, and just before the interval me and some of the other girls do a rumba number. This engagement's all right, and I don't want anybody crabbing it.

Then he says, "All right, let it go. Listen, do you know any of the elephant girls? I've just been round the back, to the stables, and watched the girls getting aboard their elephants. Very mysterious. The heat, the musky, tropical smell. The elephant boys in their bright uniforms."

"And then the elephant girls come bounding in, chatting brightly in Lancashire accents. A couple of them throw their cardigans over the elephants' necks. Then the elephants crook their knees and the girls climb aboard. What do they feel about sitting on elephants' necks? Do they

love the elephants, or is it just another chore, like appearing as flamingos in the background to the Swan Lake?"

I think something's going to happen. He tells me about this Champagne Chapie. He'll be getting the place on fire before he's finished. But then, to my relief, I hear the ringmaster blow his whistle. We're on for the grand opening parade.

"Excuse me," says I to this Scramble. "If you don't mind—" He switches me by the arm. Rough stuff all ready, if you please.

"Have you," says he, "have you seen the ringmaster's mouth-tache? It's the smallest, most dashing, most ringmasterlike moultache in the world. It probably takes him as long to fix his moultache as it takes the sensation Schumacher to comb his hair, and who would say that the one is a lesser part of the circus than the other?"

"Well, nobody, I'm sure," says I. "Thank you very much." I don't see why it has to be me. There are plenty of other girls. Why doesn't he go and annoy them? I've got my work to do, and if I don't look put, I'll be getting my number board back to front.

Blimey, he catches me again, just after I've announced the Twelve Ben Abrahman Waxman Arabs, a very nice display, even if I do say it myself.

"I've seen it," he says, in a sort of low, steady voice. "That's good," says I. "Now you can go home to bed."

"I've actually seen it," he goes on. "Touched it, indeed, and it's nearly as thick as a tree."

"What is?" says I. This chap, ought to have a cage to himself. Seems to me we're wasting our time with polar bears.

"Ray K's finger," says he. "The man who balances on his tight index digit. I've just met him in the passage. He says

several chromium-plated teeth. I sprang on him at once. Show me that finger!" I cried. He didn't seem to understand. I don't think he speaks very good English. But his wife caught on. She took his finger out of his pocket and showed it to me. Boy, is that a finger! But, do you know, he didn't seem to think anything of it himself. It's just a finger to him. He uses it for pointing and balancing on and picking paint bottles off woodwork. It's just a finger. There's nothing to it."

Then, I see he's reading his own hand. "Poor, delicate artist," he says. "You'd never be happy on. All you're good for is writing tone-poems and painting jewel-like studies of St. Yves."

I don't have to tell you girls that I make myself scarce. If this Scramble is a reporter he must be working for the Fairies' Gazette.

The next time I see him he's staring straight up in the air at the Geraldos. They have a nice act on the high trapeze.

"See that, Tulu!" he tells me. "There's a thing to ponder on. He hangs in mid-air, his feet intertwined with hers. How delicate must be the relationship that holds them together. One crosses word in the bathroom over the toothpaste squeezed from the top—only incautious glance towards Camille Mayer. Queen of the High Wire—and bingo! there's one less Geraldine than before. It is true, of course, that Mrs. Geraldine would be out of a job; but think of the satisfaction of relaxing, almost indefinitely, the muscles of the calf, and gently murmuring, 'Good-bye, Tulu—good luck.'"

"What?" says I. "You nasty-minded thing!"

"Some off it, Gladys," says he. "Let's be realistic. Take you again. What does it really feel like slogging round in a lot of sawdust dressed as Salome, carrying a notice board, knowing that the audience is chiefly interested in the antics of Hilda, the baby hippopotamus?"

"Good night, Julius Caesar," says I. "This is where I came in."

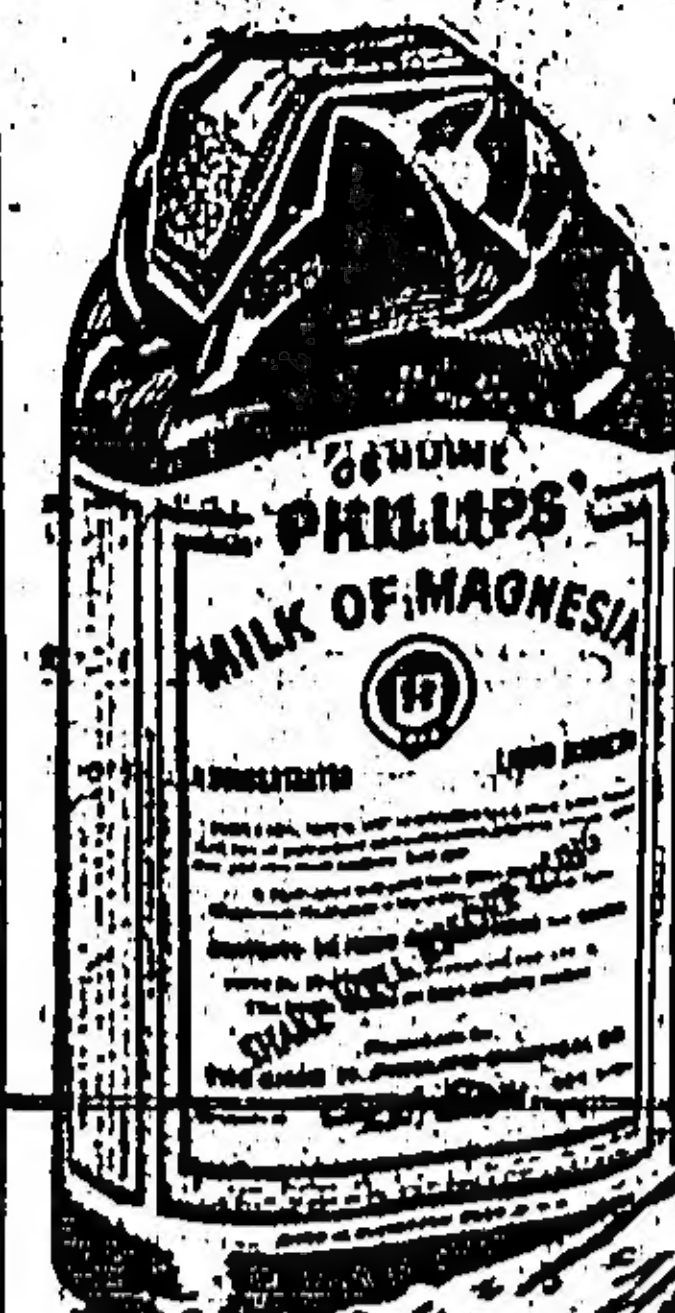
Just before I—this is me again, good morning—just before I put my 1948 diary away with my other souvenirs—the faded restaurant, the yellow dance programme—I looked through it briefly to see what sort of thing had been doing last year.

Nothing very remarkable until I came to the week ended July 3. But there, at the bottom of the page, under "Notes," I saw two words: "Golden Eagle." No more.

Just "Golden Eagle." No more. I had a look at the surrounding engagements. On Tuesday, June 29, I attended the Theatrical Garden Party at Rockhampton. There couldn't have been any golden eagles there, and I don't think I'm the sort of person—or, at least, wasn't at the time—that would be liable to call an actress "Golden Eagle" or even "My golden eagle."

The only other engagement I seem to have had that week was something just decipherable as "Fred Min. Bravely." I don't think we have to bother with that. Probably no more than a slip of the pen.

All I can do now, I suppose, is to go forward into 1949 with a golden eagle to spare. I can only hope that the bird flies round my way again this summer.



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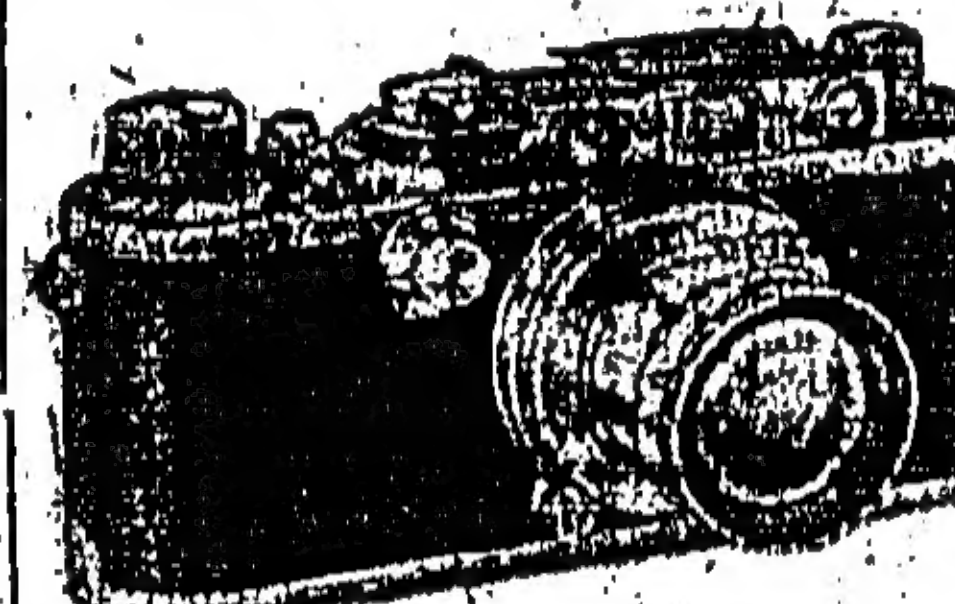
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Wah Kiu Yat Po: We have received a joint appeal from the residents in Tin Shan Street, Po Hing Lane and Kiu Yin Lane urging us to negotiate for better protection measures against fire.

The presence of wooden huts in the neighbourhood was mainly responsible for the rapid spreading of the fire which broke out in Blake Gardens, razed all the wooden huts and gutted five tenement houses nearby.

The main danger of wooden huts is their closeness to each other coupled with the ignorance of the occupiers as regards what action to take in the event of fire. The danger can therefore be reduced if wooden huts are constructed according to a specific plan. Such huts should also not be allowed to be erected within the city but on reservations on the city's limits.

Elliot Passage

Sing Tao Jih Pao: The reopening of Elliot Passage, closed for 100 years, is an important chapter in the communications history of Hong Kong and Canton. Although Hong Kong is connected with Canton by railway, river transport still plays an important part in communications between the two cities.

In addition to reducing the voyage to and from Canton, the opening of Elliot Passage, also permits ships to navigate the Pearl River at high as well as low tide. Thus, return voyages between Canton and Hong Kong can be made daily. This advantage should bring down the cost of transportation permitting produce from the Pearl River valley to be disposed of at lower rates than previously.

The opening of Elliot Passage is only one phase of the river conservancy project of the Chinese Government. When the entire plan is completed, ships up to 5,000 tons will be able to reach Canton direct and ships of 10,000 tons will be able to sail as far as Whampoa harbour.

Future Of China

Ta Kung Pao: During the business depression last year, three events took place which may lead to local business prospering in future.

The events were the reumpation of trade with North Korea (an intermediate centre for future trade with North China); the taking of part of Tientsin (a source of raw materials for local factories and market for local products); and the proposed utilization of overseas Chinese remittances, accumulated here for constructive purposes when the China situation is stabilised.

We are of the opinion that politically and economically, the future of China is bright. We safely predict that relief from the current business depression will come within a year from North China. The liberated areas in North China need tools and machinery for development and outlets for their products.

The situation most likely will develop on the following lines: Britain appreciates the value of trade with North China. The new Chinese government will be willing to trade with foreign merchants on a reciprocal basis. As such, trade may be carried on under temporary measures pending international recognition of the new government.

In South China, however, the situation may be different. Trade with South China may not be as smooth as with North China, as South China may become a battle field for a struggle between the old order and the new.

To merchants, foresight is important. A bright prospect has revealed itself. The question is how to overcome the existing difficulties to exploit the opportunity.

Good Move

Kung Sheung Yat Po: Chiang Kai-shek's temporary retirement is a good move and in accordance with the wishes of the people. We only hope that his temporary retirement will really result in peace in China.

Ta Kung Pao: Pressure from within and without China has obviously compelled President Chiang Kai-shek to go into temporary retirement. General Li Chiang Executive's statement "in accordance with the Constitution." This the masses cannot recognise. However, it is necessary that Li Tsung-shan should be made responsible for the Nanking Government.

The Government which Li Tsung-shan is now in charge must observe the following: three points: 1. order immediate cessation of fire by the Nationalist forces; 2. order the Central Government and all other provincial, regional and district administrations to cease all war movements and war preparations; and 3. accept the Chinese Communist Party's eight-point statement as a basis for peace negotiations.

For The People

Sing Tao Jih Pao: President Chiang has resigned. Whether or not his resignation will result in peace negotiations to be carried out smoothly, it will nevertheless reduce the intensity of the fighting.

If the talks are successful, a new coalition government may be established.

It is now for the people to give Li Tsung-shan their full support to achieve a real peace in China.

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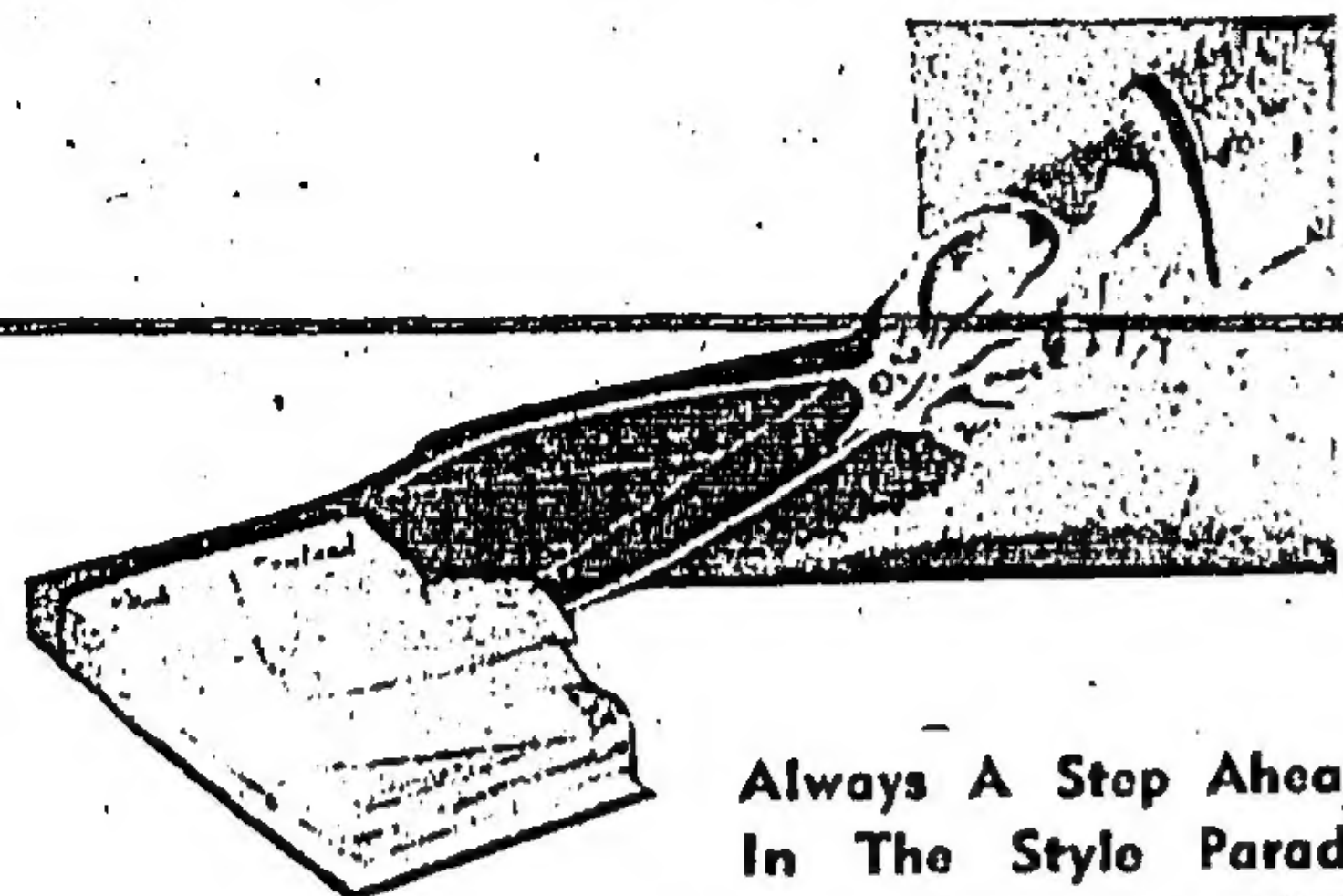


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BURMESE AUTHORITIES HUNT FOR RED LEADER

Death Of Former MP

London, January 22. Mr. J. H. Thomas, who resigned from the British Cabinet under a cloud in 1930, died on Friday night after a long illness. He was 74.

Mr. Thomas left as Colonial Secretary after a parliamentary tribunal said he had disclosed budget tax secrets to business friends who profited on the stock market.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, then Prime Minister, asked Mr. Thomas to resign. There is a Cabinet tradition against divulging budget facts before they are given to Parliament.

The resignation ended Mr. Thomas' political life although he insisted steadfastly to the end that he had not disclosed the budget.

Mr. Thomas was elected to Parliament as a Labour Member in 1910. He followed Mr. Ramsay MacDonald into the National Coalition Government with the Conservatives in 1931.—Associated Press.

PLOT TO SEIZE BOHEMIA?

Prague, January 21. Usually well-informed sources today reported that a number of Army officers, including generals, were being held in Prankran Prison here. Some reports put the number between 200 and 300.

There was no confirmation from official sources, but private informants said the arrests were the result of discovery of a plot to seize control of the government of Bohemia. (Bohemia includes Prague).

It was asserted that close to 2,000 persons had been rounded up since the middle of December.

Well-informed sources expressed the belief that there was a plot to seize control of important installations in Western Czechoslovakia either last month or next month. It was presumed such a plot would be followed by uprisings elsewhere in the country. However, no details were available.—United Press.

Rangoon, January 21. The Burmese Army, Air Force and civilian authorities have combined in the "biggest ever" man-hunt in Burma for the White Flag Communist leader, Thakin Than Tun, an official statement said.

Briton Or South African

Capetown, January 21.

Mr. W. E. Ballinger, the British-born South African Senator, took his seat when the Senate reassembled today in spite of the disqualification of his election by the Witwatersrand electoral officer.

Senator Ballinger and his wife, a member of the South African Parliament, had both been disqualified on an objection that they were Britons and not South African nationals. Both represent Africans.

When the House of Assembly met today, the Speaker announced that Mrs. Ballinger had been re-elected as representative for the Africans of Cape Eastern.

Mr. D. J. Van Den Heever, Nationalist, asked the Speaker whether Mrs. Ballinger was entitled to take the oath and her seat. The Speaker replied: "I do not consider this a matter for the Speaker's ruling. I have been informed by the Prime Minister's Office and by the Minister of the Interior that Mrs. Ballinger was declared duly elected as a member of the House of Assembly."

"Regulations issued under the Representative of Natives Act provided that certain sections of the Electoral Act should apply to the election of a native representative in the House of Assembly, and it was provided that certain steps should be taken to have a Member unseated by reason of any disqualification as alleged in this case."

"If I were satisfied that a final decision had been taken by a court or other competent authority and that such a decision was not being appealed against, and that the member did not hold qualifications for membership, I would consider referring the matter to a Select Committee," the Speaker added.—Reuter.

DURBAN RIOT VICTIMS NEEDY

Capetown, January 21. The Administrator of Natal, Mr. D. G. Shepherson and the Mayor of Durban, Mr. Leo Boyd, sent telegrams about riot aid to Prime Minister Malan today.

The Administrator stressed the need for Government financial assistance to the local authorities and the Natal Distress Relief Fund. Mr. Boyd said not only money but considerable Government help in dispensing relief is essential.—Reuter.

In hiding since the monsoon ended last September, Than Tun twice eluded capture when Burmese soldiers raided his secret jungle headquarters.

Hiding In Foothills

The Communist leader's new hideout is reported to be among the foothills fringing the Yamethin district in Central Burma, a Communist stronghold for more than one year. Among these hills the Burmese Government has now thrown a dragnet in which it hopes to catch also the Indian Communist, Goshal, Than Tun's chief adviser.

The arrest recently of the rebel leader's wife, Daw Khin Gyi, is believed to have furnished the authorities with much valuable information concerning Than Tun's whereabouts.

Search From The Air

A Government statement said that while ground troops are sending out among the hills where the wanted Communist are believed to be hiding, Burmese airplanes are searching from the air for signs of the Communist camp.

According to official reports, miniature battles are taking place in the neighbourhood. In a recent battle between closing-in troops and the Communists, four of Than Tun's personal bodyguard were slain.

Dense jungle at present is continuing to aid Than Tun to elude the advancing troops, but officials here are confident he will be captured dead or alive very shortly.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN TO HAVE A NATIONAL THEATRE

London, January 21. Parliament today fulfilled the dream of thousands of British theatre-goers over the last half century by granting funds—up to £1,000,000—for the building of a national theatre.

The prices of the seats are to be reasonable so that everyone, regardless of pocket, may enjoy the plays produced.

Six Pence A Seat

"I would like to see many seats sold at six pence," Mr. Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, told the House of Commons in outlining the Government's plans.

Pointing out that France had had a national theatre for nearly 270 years, Mr. Hall said it was fitting that the land which gave birth to Shakespeare should have a national theatre.

The national theatre, he said, was to be devoted to the

Leave With Pay

London, January 21. Britain's nationalised industries are to grant special leave with pay to men in the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces who wish to attend annual camp, the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, announced today.

This was part of the recruitment drive for the British forces, he told the House of Commons.—Reuter.

Durban Quieter

Capetown, January 21. Greater confidence among the Indian and African communities and less fear and distrust between them was reported today by the police and officials responsible for the welfare of refugees from the Durban riots.

Except for individual attacks, mostly by Africans, on Indians, Pietermaritzburg was quiet today and there were no reports of violence from the district.

The Durban death toll remains at 129.

The city is still partly dislocated by absenteeism from industry, refusal of natives in outlying areas to use Indian-owned buses and by natives and Indians crowding into refugee camps.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police in Natal, Lieutenant Colonel T. C. Van Rooyen, said there was a marked improvement in the position. The police, military and naval forces will, however, maintain their present patrols during the week-end.—Reuter.

Ground Crew Blamed For Air Collision

London, January 21.

An official court of inquiry said today that the collision between a Swedish DC-6 and a British York airliner over London last July might have been caused by errors of details or bad practice by the ground control authorities.

The court did not establish affirmatively the actual cause of the accident, in which 39 people, including Sir Edward Gent, High Commissioner of Malaya who was travelling in the York aircraft, were killed.

Not Fault Of Crew

Though the York's crew failed to adhere closely to the proper radio communication routine and procedures, the court said there was no evidence that the failure created any condition of hazard for herself or the Swedish aircraft.

The court's main problem was to determine how the two planes came to be at the same altitude at a time when, theoretically, the York was flying at not less than 3,000 feet and the airliner was at 2,500 feet.

Pointing out that two planes can only measure their height uniformly if both are using the same data about barometric pressure, the report listed these mistakes on the ground:

1. The Royal Air Force Air Traffic Control centre failed to broadcast the regional barometric pressure at published times.

2. The York was sent a landing forecast at a time when it was not needed, which included details of local barometric pressure capable of being mistaken for regional pressure.

3. The Approach Controller at Northolt Airport sent the Swedish plane erroneous regional barometric pressure.

The irregularities in the details given about pressure, if given effect on the altimeters, would have placed the York about 210 feet below and the Swedish plane about 28 feet above their theoretical heights.

Dangerous Mistake

This reduction in the space between the planes would be dangerous, the report said.

Pointing out that there had been international controversy about whether a separation of 500 feet was sufficient, the court concluded that the Ministry of Civil Aviation had erred in not taking steps to ensure a wider minimum height separation.—Reuter.

Wonder Drug For Quirino's Niece

Manila, January 22. About 400 capsules of the latest wonder drug, Icedermycin—the first shipment of its kind to arrive in Manila—has come on an airliner from the United States and will be used in an effort to cure a young niece of President Quirino's.

The child is the daughter of the President's youngest brother, Antonio Quirino, a former judge and now a prominent businessman. She is suffering from a brain infection.

The drug, which came from the Lederle Laboratories division of the American Cynamid Company of New York, is considered effective against most diseases cured by streptomycin and penicillin and such other ailments as typhus, typhoid fever and many conditions. It is also known as aureomycin.—United Press.

CRITICISE TRUMAN ON CHINA

Washington, January 22.

American officials kept a close but silent watch yesterday on China, where President Chiang Kai-shek's sudden flight from Nanking seemed to multiply the confusion in that strife torn country.

While Congressional critics of the Truman administration lambasted it for failing to give President Chiang more aid against the Communists, both the White House and State Department withheld comment for the time being.

No Change In Policy

The U.S. has been giving limited aid to Generalissimo Chiang's regime. Authoritative quarters indicated there has been no change in this country's attitude and that as long as a non-Communist government exists there, and as long as the funds voted by Congress last, the United States will continue its assistance programme.

What happens when either or both these conditions change remains to be seen. The question of this country's attitude in the event all China falls under Communist control is a major, unknown in American foreign policy.

Chairman Tom Connally, Democrat, Texas, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told a reporter: "I am hopeful that the retirement of Chiang will unify and strengthen the Nationalist forces and result in stabilisation of Chinese affairs."

Utmost Respect

Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Republican of Massachusetts, also was cautiously hopeful. He said: "I have had the utmost respect for Chiang's efforts in carrying forward what he believed to be the best interests of China. I am sorry he felt he had to resign."

"I think his resignation should be accepted in the spirit he probably made it—for the best interests of China and for ultimate peace. Peace must be obtained before China can recover."

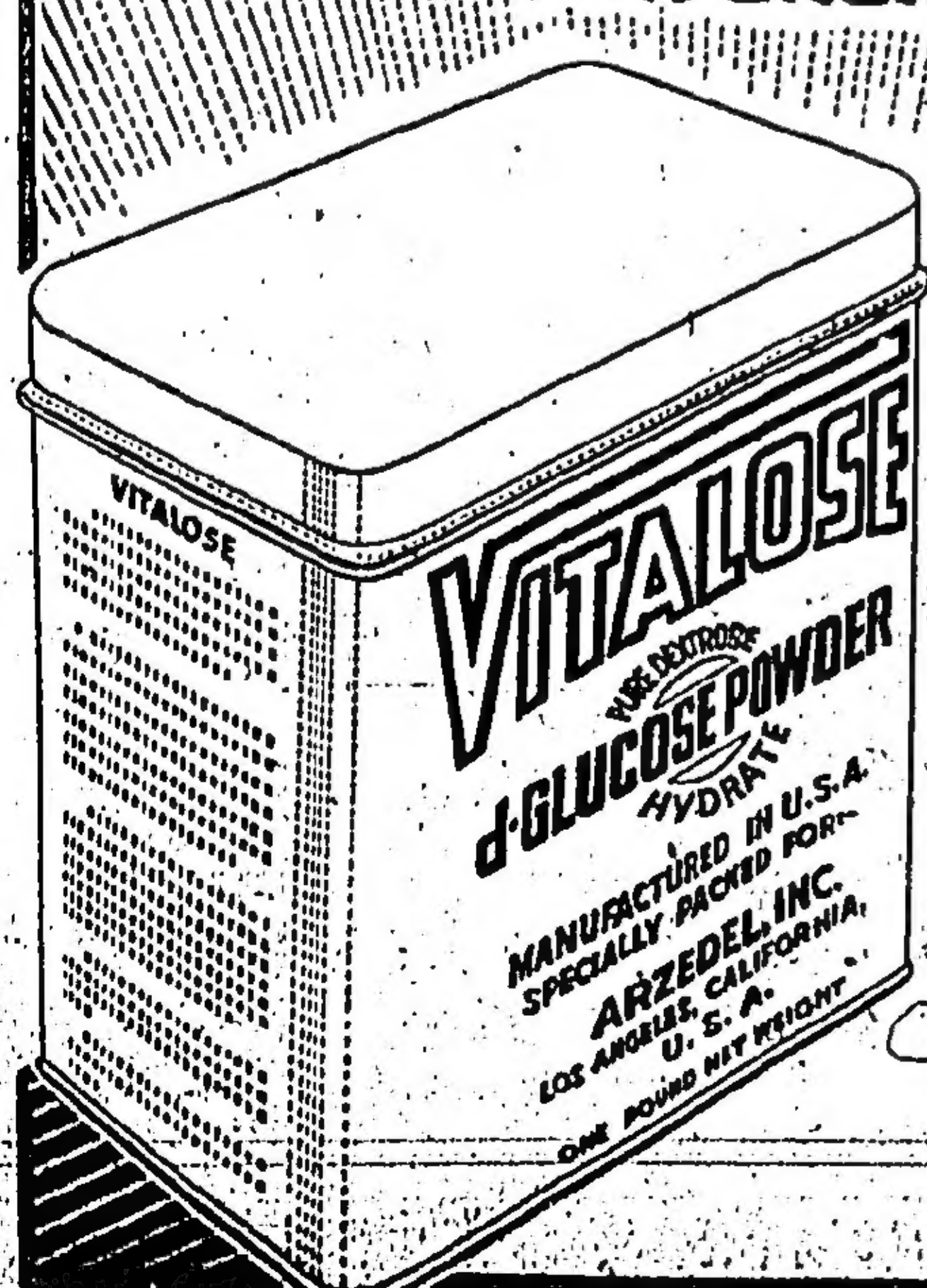
Representative Lawrence H. Smith, Republican of Wisconsin, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, criticised the administration's handling of the China problem. "Mr. Truman said in his address on Thursday we were going to lick Communism all over the world, but he ignored the Communists in China. He talks one way but has done little to change the deteriorating Chinese situation."

Senator Kenneth Wherry, Republican of Nebraska, the Republican floor leader, also was critical of the way foreign policies had been carried out. "I think the situation is unchanged as far as our dealings with China are concerned," Mr. Wherry said. "I think the State Department has been dealing with the left wingers in China right along. That has been the main trouble there."—Associated Press.

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THE MIDDLE-EASTERN CRISIS

The representations made at Washington by the British Ambassador regarding the Jewish invasion of Egypt were perhaps not entirely fruitless; though the subsequent assurance from the Israeli Government that its troops had been withdrawn from Egyptian soil proved to have been, like so many other Israeli assurances, untrue at the time. It is a pity that our Ambassador did not then visit, as was originally intended, President Truman himself. For in Palestinian affairs, the President has been apt to follow his own impulses, with too much regard for the Jewish vote in the United States, and too little either for Western interests in the Middle East, or for the policy of the State Department, or for the prestige of United Nations. The Jews would never have played fast and loose as they have, with the orders of the Security Council, had they not felt confident that in Washington at the highest level they had a backer who would screen them.

It is not the Jews only who have played fast and loose. When the Security Council established a truce in Palestine, it forbade the dispatch of arms to either combatant. This prohibition was an essential part of the ceasefire. Yet in the sequel it has been systematically violated on the Jewish side. The Arab States looked for munitions to Great Britain, from whom certain of them were entitled to receive arms under treaty. Great Britain stopped their export. The Jews looked for arms to the American Zionists and to Russia. Neither source obeyed

Israel's Aircraft

The facts disclosed by the British Government last week regarding aircraft speak for themselves. When the truce began, Israel had some 40 aircraft, including four fighters. Now she has 114 in all, including 40 fighters. The shipment of the new machines has been organised and financed by the American Zionists, unhindered by the American Government. The machines themselves are

By Scrutator

mostly products of the State factory in Czechoslovakia; that is, they come from that one of Russia's puppet Governments which is most conveniently situated to supply them, and were forwarded across others of her satellite countries. The immediate culprit is Czechoslovakia; but the real responsibility must be divided between Russia and the United States.

Nor is it only aircraft and munitions that have poured into Israel. There has also been a flood of immigrants, mostly of fighting age. By combining these means the Jews have been enabled to smother a military minority in the Middle-Eastern arena. It is sudden; it may well prove precarious. But it exists; and while it is there the extremists who shape Israel's policy seek to exploit it to the utmost. Unless some outside force restrains them the conflict may be extended to a point at which the stability of all the Arab States is threatened. Egypt is the only one of them which has been established in its present modern form for any considerable period; and if Egypt crumbled up it might be impossible to limit the area of upheaval.

The Vacuum

From such a catastrophe only one Power would benefit—Russia. If the collapse of the Arab States created a political vacuum, it is Communism that would come in to fill it. Already, with the large influx of Russian-trained Zionists from Eastern Europe, it is paying its way to supremacy in Israel. The conquest of Akaba by the Israelis would give Russia

a base on the Red Sea and new opportunities for propaganda throughout the Arab world. The Russians are past-masters in the art of exploiting disorder and social change in other countries, in order to bring them under Russian control. Thus, the Americans, whose President's policy has done so much to put Israel where it is, may as a result find their influence in the Middle East squeezed out no less than our own, and all the very considerable advantages to be reaped in that region—by way of strategy, oil, and influence in the Mohammedan world—transferred to their adversary, Russia.

An Agreed Policy Wanted

We have not reached that point yet, but the world has for some time been moving visibly towards it. It will be very difficult to stop the movement, unless we can get what at present seems hardly in sight, a firm agreement on a thoughtful policy between Great Britain and America. The obstacles to such a policy lie on the American side; they are to be found in the influence which the American Zionists can exert within the electoral system of the United States, and it must be added, in the opportunist susceptibility of Mr. Truman to such pressure. Yet lately the dangers of incoherence have grown so obvious that we need not despair of American co-operation.

Failing an agreed Anglo-American plan, Great Britain can only pursue her own course. Her interest—exactly opposite to Russia's—lies in the order and freedom of the Middle East and the raising of Arab standards of life through trade and industry and the arts of Western civilisation. With Transjordan, with Egypt, with Iraq, and with Ibn Saud she has treaties. In the shooting down of the Israeli invasion, she is bound, if called upon, to take part in defending Egyptian soil. The Egyptians have latterly lost the ability to negotiate the treaty, and will therefore be indisposed to invoke it, if they can avoid doing so; but in the present temper of the Jews they might come to have no alternative. The shooting down of British aircraft over Egyptian territory shows how grave a situation could arise.

What of the Jews themselves? Should we improve matters by recognising Israel? Almost certainly, it may be thought. No, at the same time we surely ought

ABLE SEAMAN



By HOLT

ISRAEL WILL NOT FIGHT BRITAIN

Over-enthusiastic Jewish incursions into Egypt did not surprise Britain's Middle East GHQ at Fayid, on the Suez Canal.

About five months ago they saw signs of the Jewish David (about 1,000,000 population in Palestine), "beating" the Arab Goliath (about 38,000,000 in the Middle East).

They noted Arab strategical and tactical errors which lay behind the war communiques, and

Says O'DOWD GALLAGHER

It was soon apparent to professional map readers that the Arab Jewish war was to be a short one. It is now over, of course—in about eight months.

Excited

The Jews, excited by their new nationhood—and at their quick victory too—are in danger of letting that dangerous military companion, "General Over-confidence," take command.

So stand by for alarming news reports about military movements in the Middle East.

Following the shooting down by the small, new Jewish Air Force of five RAF machines over Egypt there have been accusations and counter-accusations.

Arrived

A small British Army transport equipped with armoured fighting vehicles suitable for desert action has arrived in the dusty, mud-hovel, tin-shanty Red Sea port of Akaba at the request of British ally, King Abdullah, Transjordan.

This sort of threatening activity was once the prelude to war. Is it now? Your answer would be, "No, not necessarily." If you recall two things:

1. Britain's patience (not yet stretched to breaking-point) with Albania's despotic rulers over their cowardly mining of the Corfu Channel, which caused the death of 44 British sailors and injuries to 42 when two RN destroyers were blown up; and
2. That it takes two to make a fight, Britain does not want to fight Israel. If ever she wanted to, she could have done it with the minimum of loss, effort, and time when she was still the Mandatory Power in that unhappy Unholy Land.

Onerous

Nah, not even the Jews of ascendant, new-born Israel, could truthfully claim that Britain seemed insensitive to injury and insult during her onerous 25 years as Mandatory Power.

No, if Britain is not seeking a war with the new-born and extremely self-confident State of Israel, is Israel seeking a war with us?

To this the answer is an unequivocal negative. Allow the emphasis—Israel does not want war with Britain.



"There's a party of Americans building space platforms outside the gates."

to have an accredited agent at Tel-Aviv, so that we can de facto negotiate directly there. Our continued refraining from then seems to carry no conceivable advantage.

SUNDAY SUCCESS STORY

Baby Gave Him A Bright Idea

There is nothing exceptional about John Moffat—nothing you would notice. Each morning he catches the 8.10 to London. Each evening he returns to his wife and two babies in time to help put them to bed.

Having spent the best years of his life as an RAMC private, and set up home relatively recently, he lives in rented quarters in somebody else's house.

Like thousands of his kind he has dreamed for years of making money, big money.

Like thousands of his kind, he had ideas, ideas which sounded good on Saturday night but seemed pretty futile by Monday morning.

In every street in Britain there is a man who has dreamed of inventing a money-spinner. John Moffat was still dreaming when his first baby, now two, started to drink from a cup. He gurgled, choked, splashed, hiccupped, and sent the cup flying—like every baby before him.

"Why don't you invent one?" said Mrs. Moffat. "We might make a fortune out of it."

That was Saturday. By Monday the idea sounded silly, as silly as the others. But Baby Moffat kept on gurgling and choking.

Then father got interested. He drew cups by the hundred. He bought modelling clay in a toy shop and made several model cups. He figured that if you could make a simple cup which carried a more liquid behind its centre of gravity than before, and continued to do so till the cup was drained dry, you had the answer.

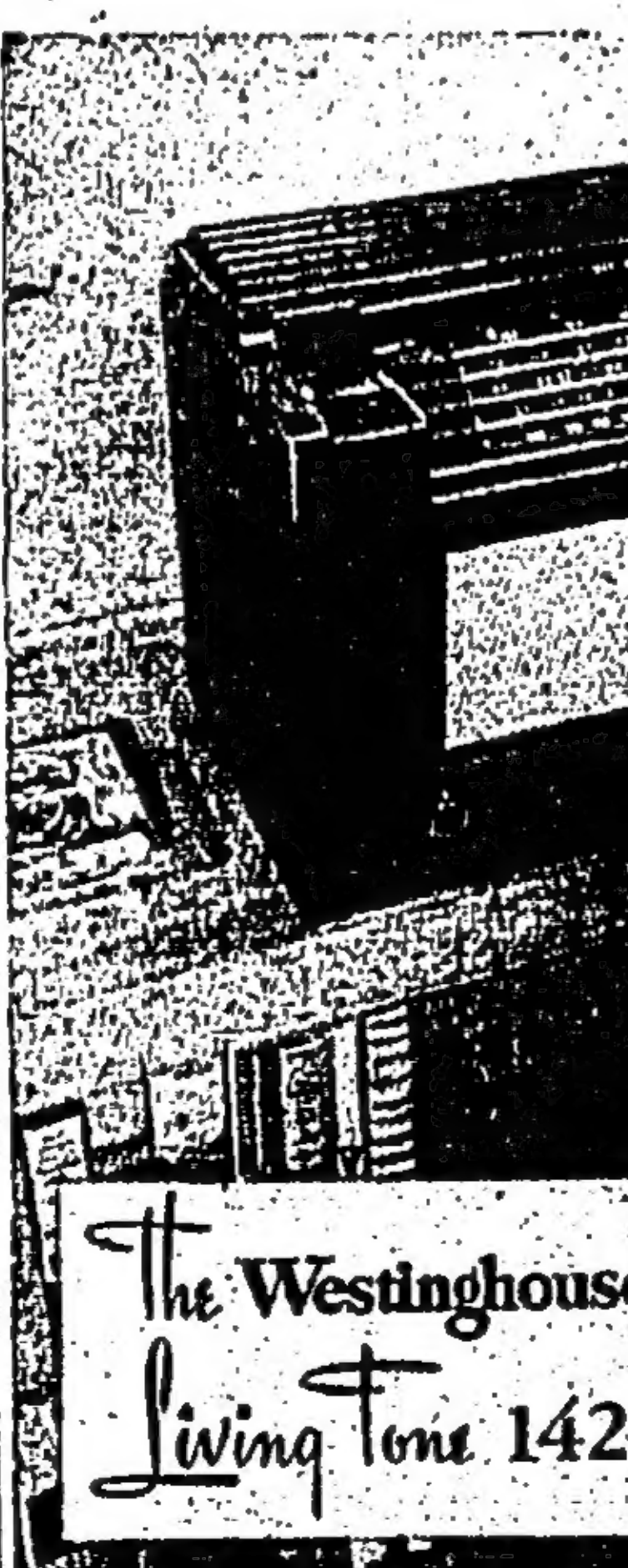
Some did not work. Some looked hideous. After three months of almost nightly effort with drawing paper and his clay, Mr. Moffat was satisfied. He had a good-looking, easy-to-wash cup which no toddler would tip over and which, made of the right kind of plastic, would be stainless, tasteless, and almost unbreakable.

All Mr. Moffat's savings, and his brother's, went into taking out provisional patents. World patents would have cost £500, more than they had. So they bought patents covering Britain, America, and Canada for £150, and engaged someone to draw up a specification which would make the cup virtually copy-proof.

The first manufacturer he approached was thrilled and immediately offered a contract. The same enthusiasm came from Canada, and the American market is now being sounded.

The cup has been tested in four hospitals (you can drink easily from it lying on your back) and has gone into hundreds of homes. John Moffat has not made a fortune from his "idea yet. In fact, he is out of pocket. But already he is laughingly telling his friends on the 8.10 that he won't be on that train much longer.

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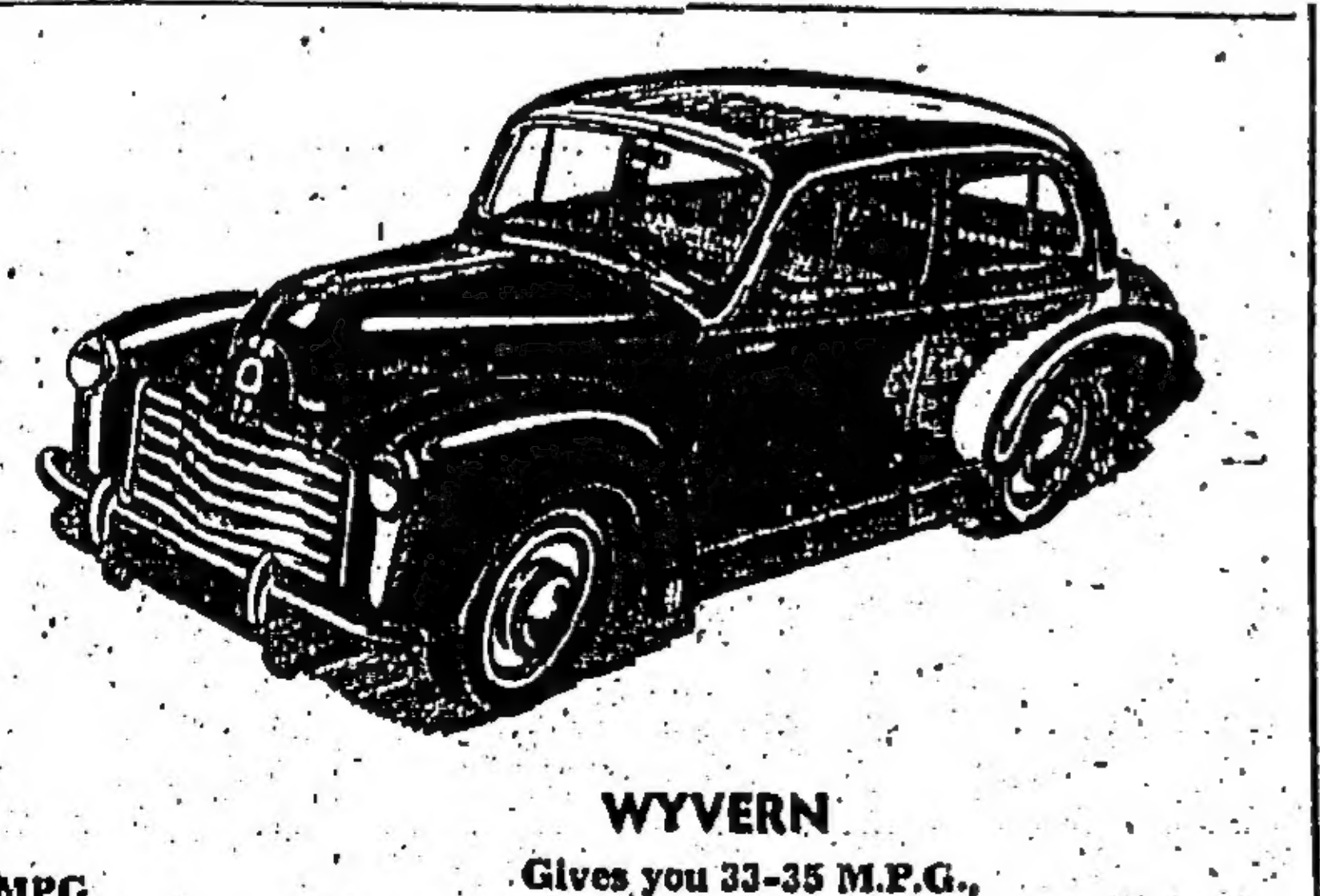
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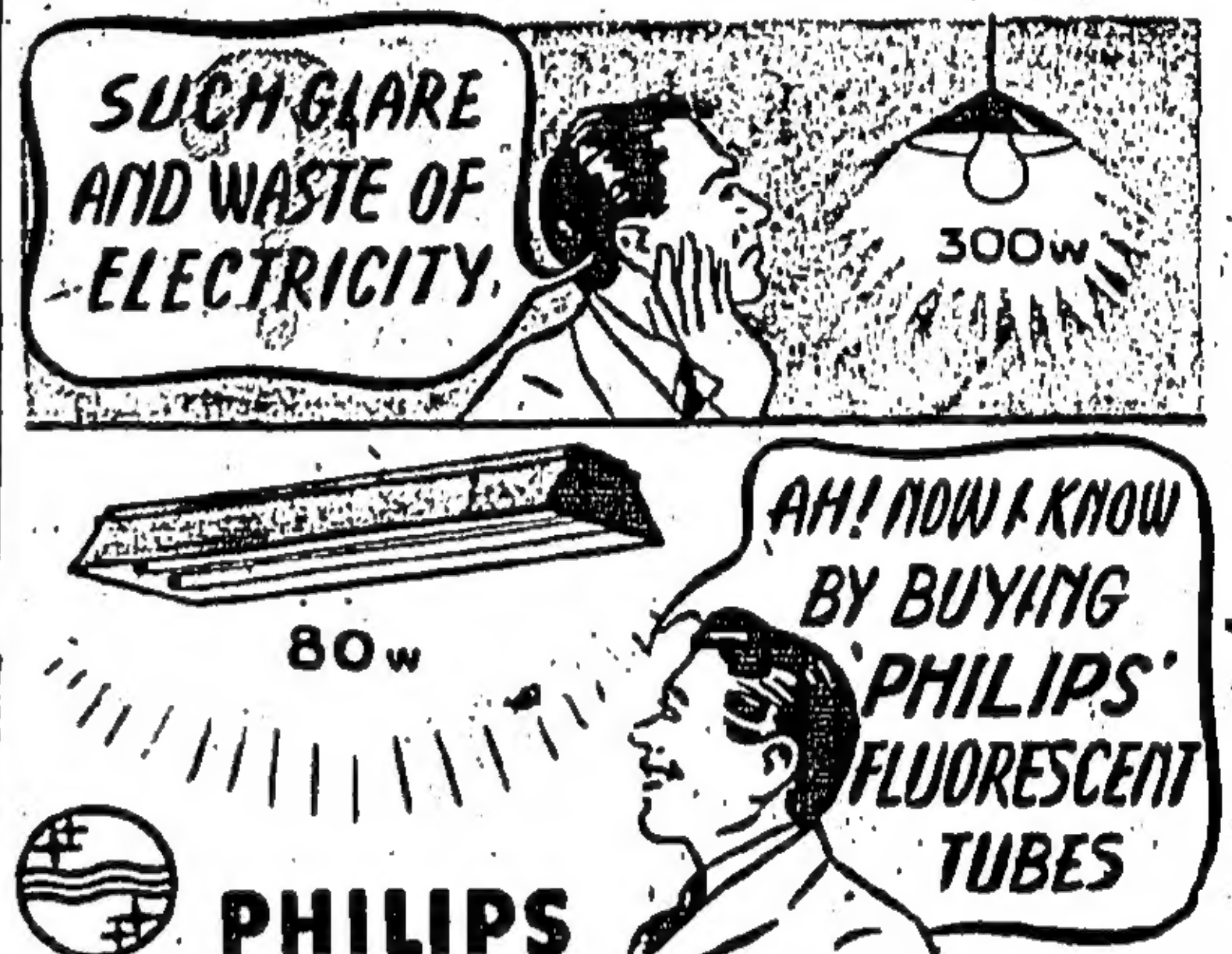
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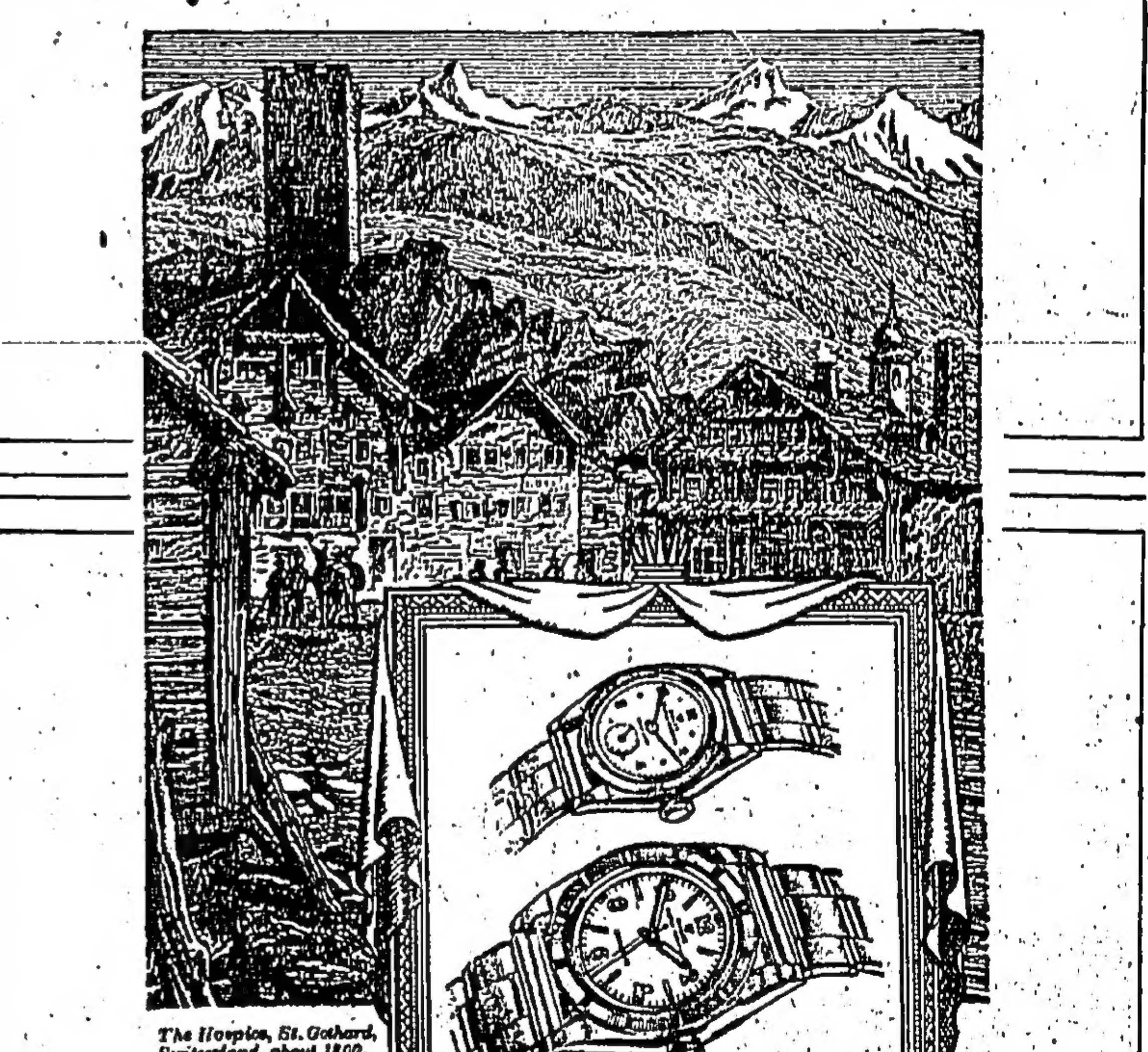
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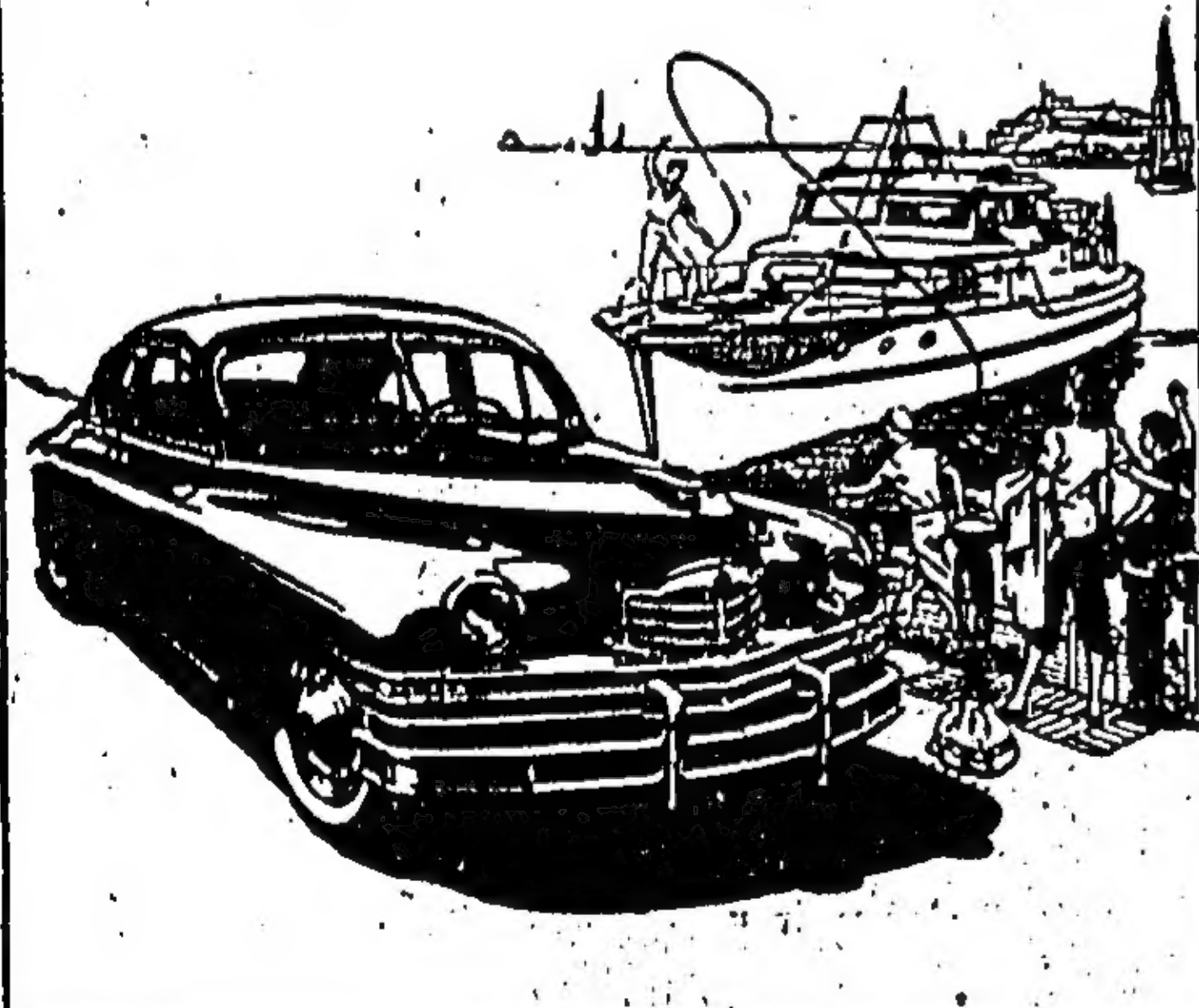


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SIX KOREANS KILLED IN SOVIET UNIFORMS

Seoul, South Korea, January 21.

Six Koreans in Russian Army uniforms were shot in an uprising this week against Communist infiltration from Northern into Southern Korea, a Government information officer said today.

Fires had been started in the area of Hal Ju, in Hwang Ha Province, just North of the 38th Parallel, which separates the formerly Russian-occupied North from the American-occupied South, he added.

The extent of the uprising was not yet known, he said. It was directed against units of the "Northern Korean Army."

New Communist Moves

Fresh Communist movements across the border began with the Communist victories in China and the gradual withdrawal from Southern Korea of the United States Army, the officer said.

The Koreans, who were killed were trying to cross the frontier Southwards.

The South Korea Government had evidence, the spokesman added, that the North Koreans had been training 100 members of a "Women's Alliance" in basic combat and pistol marksmanship. These women have been infiltrating South in the guise of refugees since early this month.

Usually reliable sources here claimed that Kim Koo, the wartime leader in exile of the Korean Government in Chung-

king, who is said to have pro-Communist leanings, had contacted the Chinese Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung.

At least one of Kim's messengers had been intercepted carrying a verbal message to the Chinese Communist leader, these sources said. It was believed that the others had got through—Reuter.

Acheson Takes Oath

Washington, January 21. Mr. Dean Acheson took the oath today as the Secretary of State in succession to Mr. George Marshall, whose retirement due to ill-health was announced last month. Mr. Acheson took the oath from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Mr. Fred Vinson, by laying his hand on the same bible used by President Truman when he was inaugurated.—Reuter.

TITO REJECTS COMINFORM?

Belgrade, January 21.

The Yugoslav Communist Party was bound by an "unshakeable unity which no assault can break," not even on the part of the Cominform Bureau," Marshal Tito, the Yugoslav Premier, addressing the Serbian Communist Party Congress, declared today.

Marshal Tito told the Congress that Yugoslav Communists should reject an "unshakeable unity" which he said was "a powerful lying propaganda directed against our country from the East and West."

"Both aim for objectives which cannot be qualified as honest," he added. "We knew it would be difficult for us if this immense propaganda machine was used against us but we could not believe it would stoop so low as to use the methods of Goebbels and of Western capitalists and reactionaries."

Hostile Acts

That the anti-Yugoslav campaign was not directed against the people but only against the leadership of the country was a "vulgar, hypocritical phrase." It was more than mere propaganda. It included concrete hostile acts against the Yugoslav people in general.

Marshal Tito mentioned as an example the treatment of Yugoslav athletes in Budapest, Bratislava and Prague and the attitude towards Yugoslav representatives in Berlin, Budapest, Sofia, Albania and Czechoslovakia, and the persecution of Yugoslav minorities in Rumania and Bulgaria and of the Yugoslav nationals in Hungary.

"I could mention not dozens but hundreds of examples of the way in which our people are injured by the alleged friends of our people in the countries of popular democracy," he said.

"We have done our utmost to reply to that campaign in a tone as moderate as possible and on the basis of principles. We will also do this in future, but today the affair has assumed such a character and such proportions that we are obliged most energetically to unmask all calumnies and lies from whatever quarters they may come."

"We shall keep in mind the interests of the international workers' movement, but we shall deny the lies and reveal the truth because that is not only in the interests of our country but also in the interest of internationalism in general and of socialist morale."

Tragic Affair

Marshal Tito, continuing, said: "Some people in our country and abroad consider this a tragic affair, so tragic that they go as

far as to say that we should sacrifice ourselves, our country and the achievements of our struggle to guarantee the unity of the international movement."

"This is completely wrong. Such an act would not benefit the international movement. On the contrary, it would sanction a method which is neither Marxist nor internationalist, and thus cause great damage to the international workers' movement in the future."

Chicken-Hearted

"Some chicken-hearted, vacillating semi-Marxists do not see farther than their noses. They do not realize that all this is different from a deviation on the part of Tito, Rankovic, Djilas and Kardelj and others in leading positions and is not a matter of admitting one's errors."

"It is a completely different affair which is common to us all and makes it impossible for us to go to Bucharest (the headquarters of the Cominform)."

Delegates interrupted the Marshal's speech by rising from their seats and shouting: "Tito, Hero Tito, Our Tito."

Marshal Tito added that the Yugoslav Communists were defending the principle of the equality of nations as well as other Marxist-Leninist principles.

By The Back Door

He said certain popular demagogues were dissolving their "people's fronts" to show that they did not follow the path chosen by Yugoslavia. "But they admit them again by the back door," he added.

Marshal Tito listed the points of difference between Yugoslavia and the Cominform. They were:

1.—The political and economic relations between Socialist countries.

2.—The timing and form of a South Slav Federation.

3.—The form of Yugoslavia's economic relations with Albania.

4.—The "incorrect treatment" which Yugoslavia, the "truest ally" in the darkest hour of all the Slav peoples of Europe and especially of the Soviet Union, had been receiving.

The Congress unanimously adopted a resolution rejecting the "unjust accusations levelled by the Cominform Bureau against the Communist Party of Yugoslavia."—Reuter.

Czechs Fire On U.S. Troops

Frankfurt, January 21.

The United States Army announced today that American soldiers exchanged gunfire with Czechoslovak border guards in a brief incident last night.

Constabulary troops on guard duty along the Bavarian Czech frontier suffered no casualties. The trouble began when a truck crossing into Czechoslovakia failed to halt for the German border police, according to the Army account. The police fired at the driver and were fired on in return.

Czechs Open Fire

The Army said that when the guards reached the scene in answer to a call from the German border station, Czech guards opened fire, and the American soldiers returned it.

The truck was found by German police to contain half-bearings, machine tools and other equipment.

In the first exchange of shots the truck driver was wounded. The German policemen took the keys of the truck, but the Czechs took the truck, its cargo and its occupants. The keys were turned over to the Americans, who also took samples of the truck's load as evidence.

Four Feet Over Border

The truck was reported to have been four feet inside the Czech border when it was stopped and the first shots fired. The Army statement did not give the nationality of the occupants of the truck.

The incident occurred near Eger on the Czech border.

The area was quiet today. The Czechs reportedly withdrew their guards to the nearby woods, leaving ten men at the scene. American Constabulary troops retired from the area after the shooting stopped.

The Army said they had been ordered to avoid action that would create any serious situation. Only one small detachment was left at the border, with orders not to cross over into Czechoslovakia but to attempt to persuade the Czechs to leave the truck where it was until a complete investigation could be made.—United Press.

U.S. Quiet On Meeting

Washington, January 21.

Diplomatic quarters here are watching closely the Asian Conference in New Delhi, but Government circles are unwilling to comment until decisions are announced.

It is reiterated that the United States can have no objection to any action that might be taken within the framework of the United Nations.

Prime Minister Nehru's assurance that this is the course to be followed is welcomed and observed are impressed by the restraint which characterized the first session.

The suggestion by the Philippine representative, General Carlos Romulo, that the conference should establish the machinery for future international consultations on Asian problems is regarded here as a natural next step and, providing it conforms to the principles of the United Nations Charter, one to be welcomed.—Reuter.

Archduke Threatens To Sue

New York, January 22.

Archduke Franz Joseph, nephew and grandson of the late Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, said here today that he will sue anyone selling a new book claiming to "explode" the romantic story of a royal Austrian suicide pact 60 years ago.

In notices sent to leading United States booksellers on the Archduke's behalf, the book, entitled "Rudolf, the Tragedy of Mayerling" by Count Carl Lonyay, is described as "scandalous, libellous, defamatory and a sacrilegious attack on deceased members of the Hapsburg family."

The book deals with the events leading up to the suicide at Mayerling in 1889 of the Austrian Crown Prince Rudolf of Hapsburg and the 17-year-old Baroness Marie Vetsera.

In previous film and story accounts, the lovers committed suicide because the Baroness was not qualified to wed an heir to the throne.

Count Lonyay's book purports to be based on family papers, which he claims to have acquired as literary executor of his uncle, Prince Elemer Lonyay, who married Rudolf's widow, Charles, Scibinger and Sons, the publishers, said they will defend any dealer selling the book.—Reuter.

Commonwealth Consultation

Melbourne, January 22.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, Federal Minister for External Affairs, said tonight that the Empire Premiers' Conference in London last Autumn made recommendations about closer consultation among the British Commonwealth countries.

This was what he referred to when he said in Perth last week: "One of the most important decisions of the conference had yet to be announced."

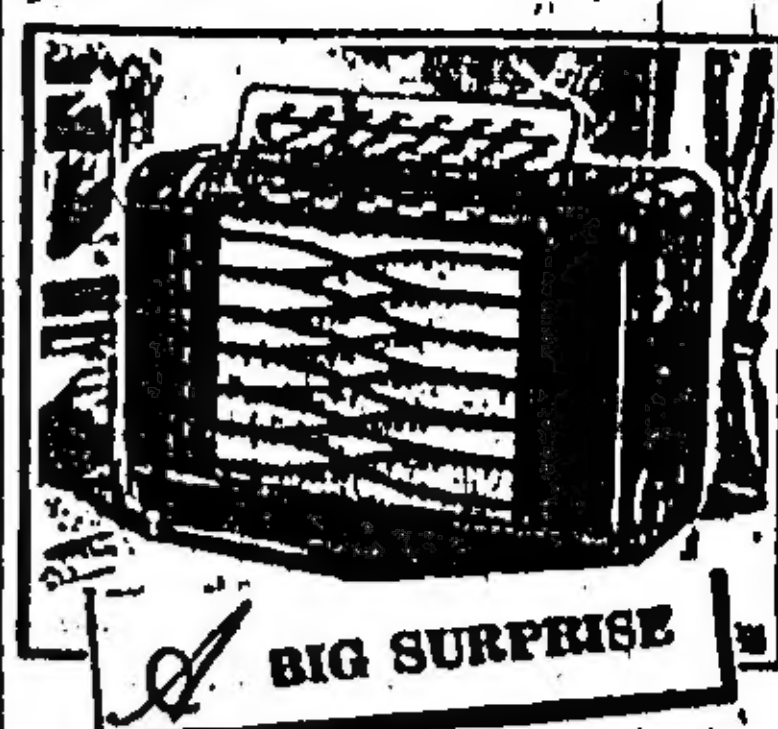
His Perth statement, he said, also referred to decisions that will follow from those recommendations.—Reuter.

BIG FINE FOR OVER-CHARGING

Dorchester, January 22.

For selling ducks at nearly double the Government controlled price, Allen Benjamin Tice, Bournemouth poultry dealer, was fined a total of £4,000 and sentenced to one year's imprisonment today.

Justice Oliver said at the Dorset Assizes that if the fine can be paid within a reasonable time, the term of imprisonment will be remitted. The prosecution alleged that in the summers of 1947 and 1948 Tice had overcharged £4,472 on sales to a Bournemouth dealer.—Reuter.



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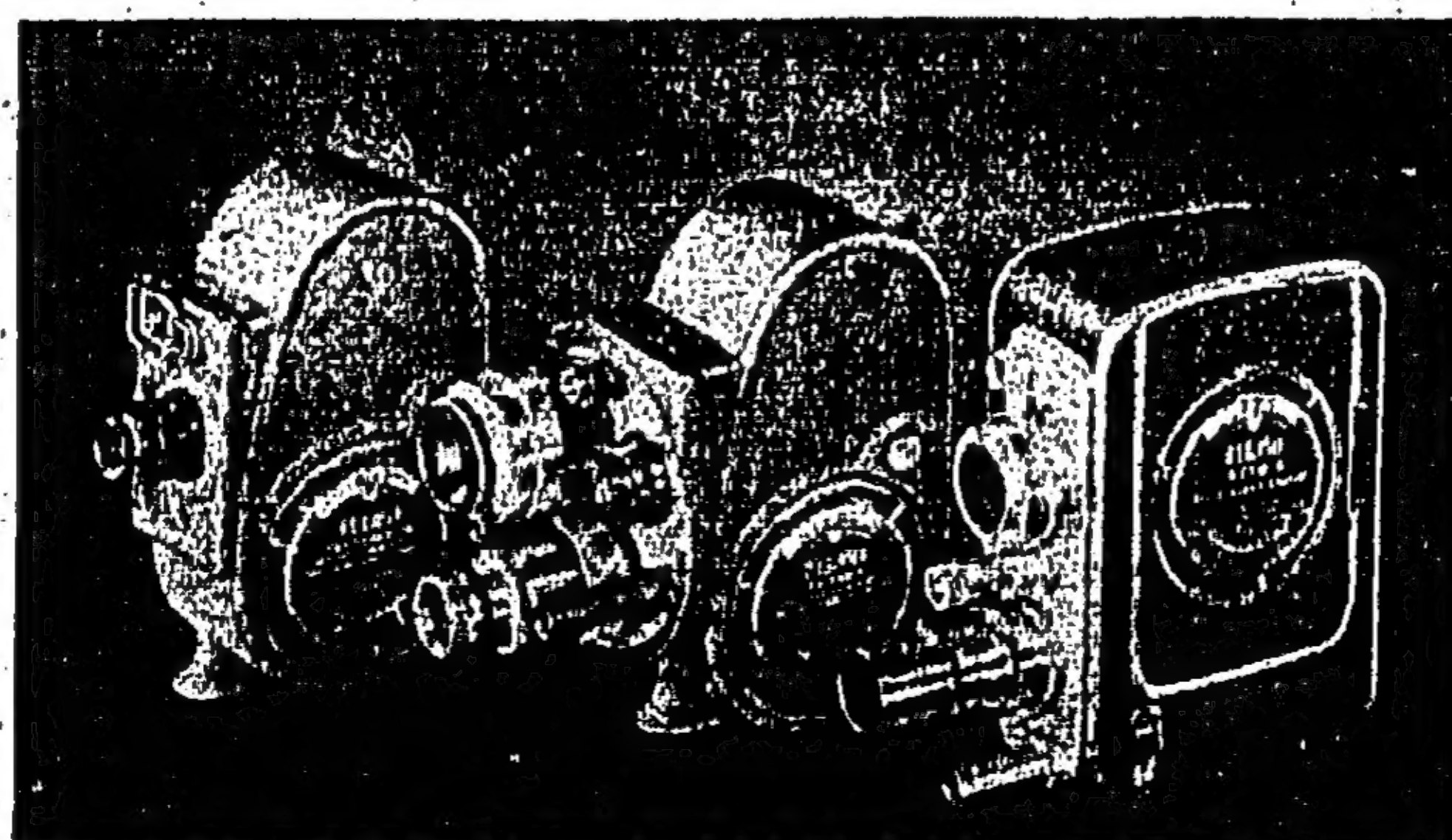


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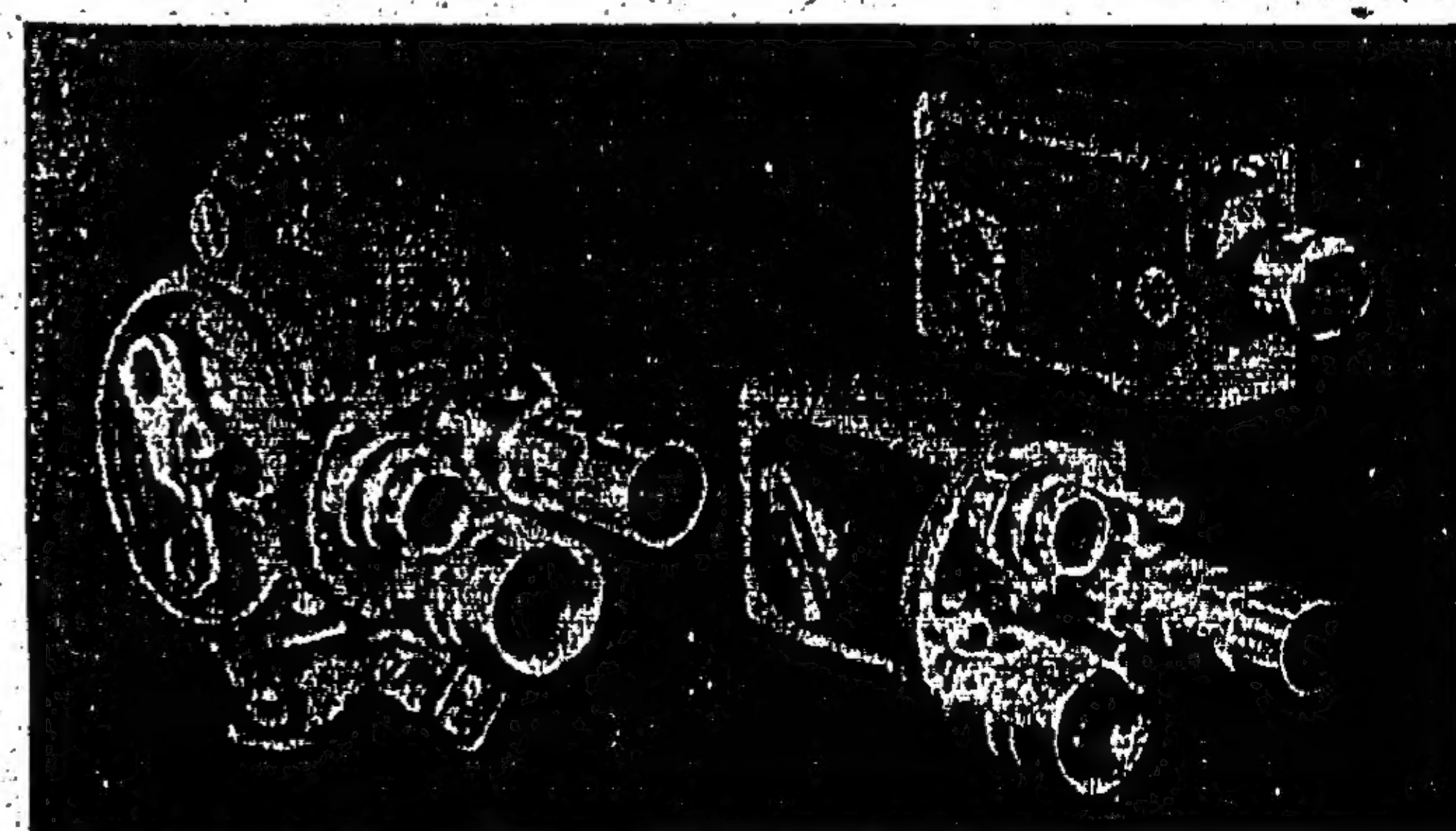
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For the wealth of South Africa, vast as it is, can be assessed. It can be put into a budget, or a balance-sheet.

The fortune which lies buried in Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Tanganyika, Kenya, and Uganda nobody has yet begun to compute. It is still a dream in men's minds.

It is still El Dorado, that fabulous treasure city in the New World of our Elizabethan fathers. If you remember, they never

But should it come into it will only wash away a further inch or so of Africa's precious top-soil.

But that time Joe will be a few miles farther on, dragging his desert behind him.

He's been doing it for centuries. According to a remarkable book, published this morning, which every intelligent citizen should study ("Road to Survival," William Vogt, Gollancz), the Sahara extends its empire of desolation by half a mile every year.

Partly, this is due to the ignorance of the primitive cultivator. But the author of "Road to Survival" shows that the "civilised"

By Frank Owen

them, only to betray. Can Africa, Tomorrow's Continent, as some have called it, solve our problems? Or will it turn out to be one more glittering mirage?

Lets take The Road to the North, as I did lately for 3,000 miles, and have a preliminary look-see.

The first thing that strikes the traveller in Africa is that this place, like Asia, is very large. The second thing is that, unlike Asia, it is very empty.

Africa is roughly the size of Asia, but its population is 150,000,000, measured against the 1,200,000,000 of Asia, which is eight times as many more.

I have said there are crowded cities in the Union of South Africa. There are agricultural slums too—in the so-called Reserves set aside for the natives. But, as you journey along the dusty track towards the heart of this land, you begin to think that you are very nearly alone in it.

The motor-car rides steadily up to the crest of the wide, deep-rolling waves of land, and as it mounts you see unfolding below you, far away to the clear skyline, the next "land wave" 20 miles off. Across the intervening trough lies only—The Road.

Outside the scattered towns you see few houses, few huts, even, and still fewer people. In a week's ride you may meet a marvellous medley of animal population: gazelles, zebras, leopards, hyenas, sometimes an elephant.

United one night by a nearly dead watercourse, to get a drink for my gasping radiator, I came back by lamplight to find two giraffes peering into the car. My companion was fast asleep, and I let him stay that way!

And then there are the monkeys, owls, eagles, hares, cattle, goats, sheep, and dogs. But where are the people?

You know that they are there, somewhere. For all around you, by day and by night, you see the proof of their presence. By day it is a pillar of cloud and by night, a flame. What is that, fire?

Why, Old Black Joe, the native farmer. He is burning the grass under his feet. Old Black Joe, the damned old fool, is scorching his own earth.

He is destroying Tomorrow's Continent to feed his herds today. Such is the madly wasteful method of native cultivation. Should the rain come soon, it will bring him a quick crop for his beasts.

So much for the chop-trap of those who proclaimed for a generation that "the problem of production has been solved: all we need to worry about now is distribution!"

In other words: Fair Shares for All; and a Three Day Week if You Want It.

So much, too, for the chop-trap of some capitalists, who told us that the earth's riches were illimitable—or, at any rate, that the sky was the limit.

Can Africa solve the problem? Riding the Road to the North you begin to think it may. Not that Africa is a garden—but she might be made one.

Foolish talk, such as bogged down the groundnuts scheme, will not help.

Chatter about the "conquest of the tsetse fly" won't help. If the tsetse fly's demise merely means that 16,000,000 stunted cattle are now going to graze bare the former tsetse areas you will merely have enlarged the limits of your destruction.

To bring water to the thirsty lands "truly" to till the soil, not merely "mine" it; to preserve the forests and to protect the wild life of the country—these are the ways to save Africa, and ourselves.

These are the tasks laid upon those who wish to hold and to enrich the Great Estate of Empire. Who'll do it?

HOW TO BE HAPPY THOUGH MARRIED

By IRIS ASHLEY

One day last week I was sitting in the Ivy Restaurant (one of those days when you take the children to a slap-up lunch before a pantomime), and a very beautiful woman stopped and spoke to the other mother at my table.

As the lovely moved away, Pat Wallace—daughter of that Who-dunit pioneer, Edgar Wallace—remarked: "I love that girl! She always makes me laugh. I really laugh!" And I watched the lady join her husband, who was Sir Laurence Olivier.

It was easy to see that she made him laugh too. A very pleasant, slight, the obvious real friendship and easy companion-

ship that exists between the beautiful Vivien Leigh and her husband, Famous partners of stage and screen, getting along famously!

What a pity there are not more men who are willing to LIKE their wives as much as they love them! The Royal Bank of Canada in its recent inquiry into the secret of Happy Marriage reports that husbands ask first and foremost for a "Good Home-maker" and then a long "thou" later—for "An agreeable companion."

So it's easy to see how their minds work. "Make my home comfortable," say the men. "And then, if and when I'm around, be pleasant to me!"

All of which goes to bolster a contention I have long held, that men seldom like women. They idealise us, love us...and leave us alone.

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True enough that the average young man dreams of a marriage of "perfect understanding," but he often forgets that he must make a personal effort if the dream is to become a reality.

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The boys like to keep a world of their own where their women-folk don't belong; but they find the idea of women's clubs where men can't go, rather ridiculous. Maybe they're right, but so is that "male brotherhood" attitude they like so much. A brotherhood that shuts women out of what appears to be a most sociable and cosy kind of world.

You know, the way men draw together the moment women retire from the room. An atmosphere of pleasant anticipation becomes almost tangible before the door is closed, and a conspiratorial male voice is heard:

"Now stop me if you've heard this one..."

Heaven knows, we don't want to hear the story; it's probably got whiskers, anyway.

No, it is their obvious pleasure in the female departure that is less than flattering.

Call a man a "man's man" and you pay him a compliment. Say he only likes women and you are calling him a rather oily kind of wolf.

A man jokes with his friends; he spends a good deal of agreeably pointless time with his friends; and he always appears genuinely pleased to see them.

Imagine how pleasant this attitude would be to a wife. Even washing dishes isn't so bad if you have a companion to gripe to about it, but to be out on your own communing with a sink is sheer gloom.

Of course, in the good old days a man did not have to be friends with his wife. If she uttered some platitudes like "I wish you'd bring the buffalo home in time for me to skin it for dinner," he just slapped her down.

But the way things are today, women have learned how to slap back, and men who don't make friends with their wives lose them—fast; either to a career or another man.

The housewife is often accused of having no conversation except on domestic trivia.

For goodness sake how can she have when her only link with the outside world is her husband. That character whose political views are so well known at the club, but who seldom says much more than: "Hallo, dear nice day?" when he gets home.

Listen, Benedict, maybe your Beatrice isn't a film star or an M.P., but she's the most important woman in your life, isn't she?

You could try it out. Take her into your life, share yourself and your interests. And of an evening let those sad saps the bachelors hang around together.

If you must have a little snifter, then offer her one too, just as if she were only your friend. Maybe you will start laughing together. And maybe one day someone will look at you two across a restaurant the way I looked at Larry and Vivien, and think that marriage isn't always such a flop after all.

Monkeys For Moscow

Amsterdam, January 21. Fifteen baboons from a Dutch Zoo were today on their way to Moscow by air.

They are being exchanged for polar bears, camels, deer and porcupines coming from the Moscow Zoo by sea.—Reuter.

Boom In Jap Textiles

Tokyo, January 22. Production and price conscious Japanese were cheered somewhat today by reports that textile output is booming and blackmarket prices are remaining almost constant.

The Japanese Textile Association reported from Osaka in December that textile production was the highest since the end of the war.

The Association said that the cotton yarn and textile production for last year was greatly improved over 1947.

On the price front, Kyodo said a survey in the three leading cities indicated that blackmarket prices showed little, if any, change over those posted in the previous month.

There is little change in the food prices, probably because the government rations are fully up to schedule and in most cases are sufficient to meet the food needs. Clothing prices were up slightly.—Associated Press.

Proposal For Marshall Statue

London, January 21. One of Britain's leading literary magazines, "British Weekly," proposed today a statue honouring the former U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. George C. Marshall, be erected in St. James Square, London.

In an editorial, the magazine suggested the statue be built now and not when Mr. Marshall dies, "to commemorate the foresight and vision and statesmanship of the late Secretary of State, General George C. Marshall from whose vision and action and wisdom the resuscitation of Western Europe was begun."

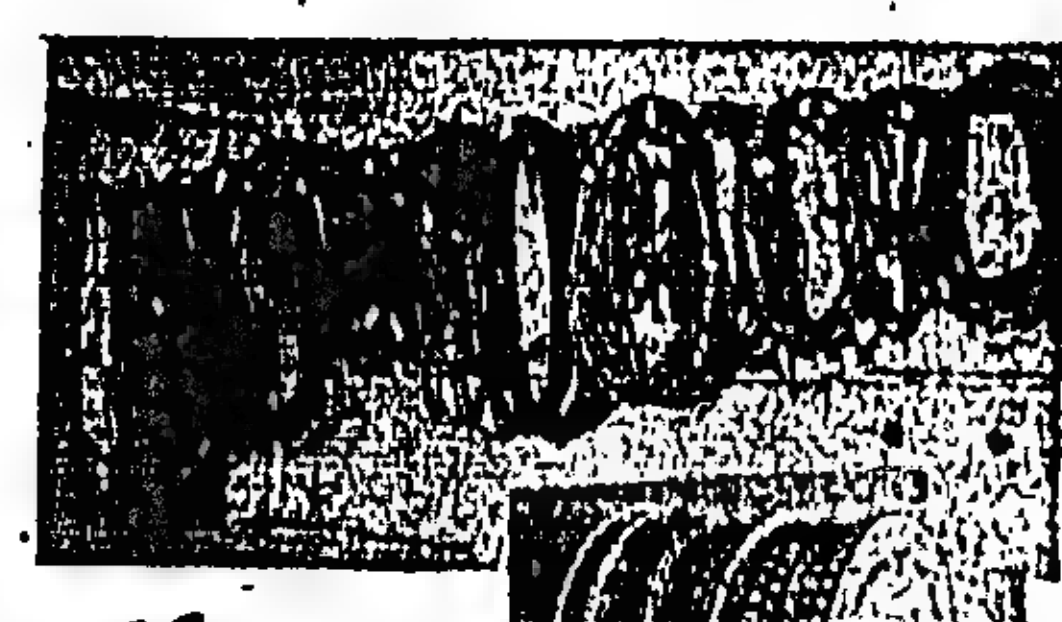
The magazine proposed the statue be erected in St. James Square where General Dwight Eisenhower planned the invasion of Europe.—United Press.

Ships Ordered From Japan

Tokyo, January 22. The Japanese shipbuilding industry was given a boost today with orders of four ships for Denmark and 19 tugboats for Russia.

The Danish Maersk Line effected a contract, pending ratification by SCAP, for three freighters and one 18,000-ton oil tanker with the Mitsubishi Shipbuilding Company.

At the same time, Russia placed orders for 18 tugboats to be delivered within this year with the Kyushu shipbuilding industry. The tugboats will be of the 150 and 50 horse-power variety.—United Press.



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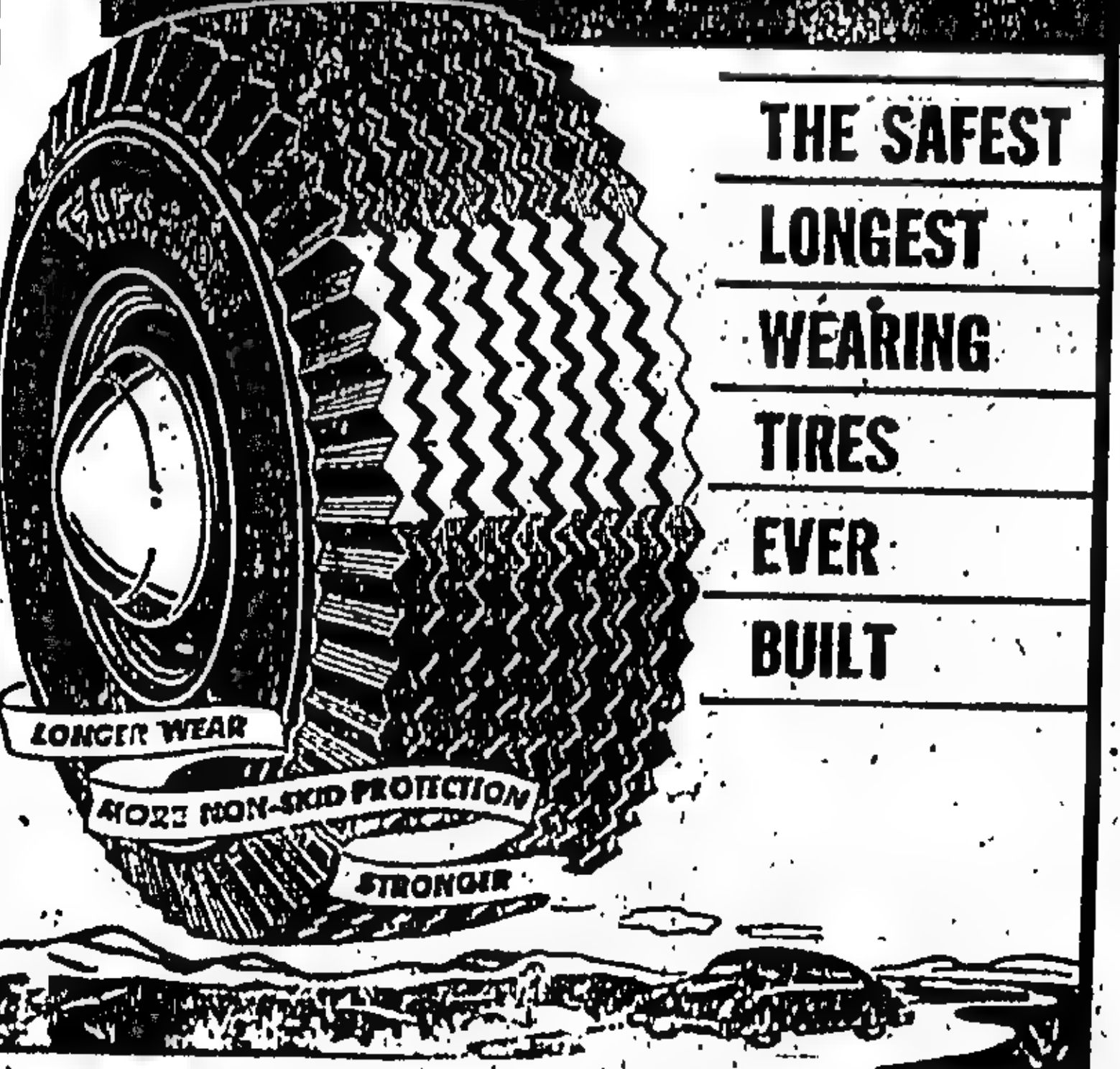
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BIRTH

CATTON—At Queen Mary Hospital, on January 22, 1949, to Mary, nee Agon, wife of K. W. Catton, a daughter. Both doing well. Grateful thanks to Medical Staff.

COLD, COLD SNOW

Judgment correspondents have already voiced their opinions about the notices of dismissal served on 12 European officers of the Hong Kong Police Force, and in our view they have raised a matter which should be clarified without any further delay.

It is not our contention that civil servants, of whatever branch, should be immune from discharge. In fact, we thoroughly agreed when the Home Government, after the war, decided that henceforth it would dispense with the services of inefficient, useless or subversive employees, who had hitherto regarded themselves as secure for life, no matter how little work they might do. That is, unless they committed a serious crime.

That is precisely the source of the rumours now prevalent in the Colony, that the police officers "must have done something queer" or why should they have lost their jobs. One may condemn the gossip mongers, but as the dismissal notices gave not the slightest grounds, and as Press approaches to the authorities have met with a curt "No statement," the tongue waggers have a point, and the character of the individuals concerned may presumably be blackened at will. Police, after all, are guardians of the traditional law and order. If they err, they should be punished and publicly, to uphold the honour of the service and prove that the majority are above suspicion. On the other hand, if they are free from error, they should not be placed in a position which impugns their good name.

Five of the men know the Chinese coast well, having had first rate training in Shanghai before coming here, and know both the indigenous population and those who come from overseas. The remainder are from the United Kingdom, having given up posts there to join the police force in Hong Kong. All are experienced, and one was only recently promoted to full inspector. With a chaotic situation in China proper and its probable eventual repercussions on the Colony, as well as the long-term, international situation, an observer would have thought such men of exceptional importance. Are they being paid off because younger men earning less money have just arrived from Palestine? Are their records clean or not? If they are, it is only the most elementary courtesy to say so. Apart from the men's personal reputations, what recommendations can they give when next they apply for a job? For having terminated a three-years' engagement, they are not entitled to a pension and must continue to earn a livelihood.

Any employee, especially one who has been in a position of trust, is entitled to an explanation of why he is being discharged—morally if not always legally. If he is inefficient or corrupt, he should not be retained with such responsibility for another six months, as in the case of the police officers under review. And if he is both efficient and honest, what grounds are there for dismissing him?

The authorities should recognise that considerable public interest has been aroused by this case, and make a full statement of the facts.

TOWARDS SOLUTION OF THE GERMAN PROBLEM

A Year Of Opportunity

A Foreign Secretary when being taxed at an international conference with the rapid changes in the Government of his country, once prefaced his reply by saying "Which would you rather have, Mr. President, seven Governments with one policy or one Government with seven different policies?" It is because the Western Democracies are at length approaching the ideal of several Governments pursuing one policy that we can enter the new year in a spirit of hope qualified by experience.

The new Ruhr Authority created by the Six Powers was undoubtedly an advance towards the necessary revival of the German economy, but with safeguards against a resumption of military power. That is not to say it is the final solution. It has been welcomed by the French because its terms now include the measure of supervision over management, as well as over distribution, of the Ruhr products for which they made so strong a case. It has been badly received by the Germans for the same reason.

Timely Reminder
General Sir Brian Robertson has given the Germans a timely reminder that the Ruhr has indeed escaped lightly, and that the measures now taken to control that area might well have been much more severe. General Robertson's words should be heeded in Western Germany, the more so because, with the American and French colleagues, our Commander-in-Chief has displayed an admirable blend of firmness and understanding in his dealings with the German authorities. All three Allied Commanders have deserved to win a wide measure of German confidence. To see them at work is to know that this is true. If the German people can be brought to understand and to grasp the opportunities that the Ruhr Agreement opens to them, it will in a large measure be due to these men and to those who serve under them in thankless but indispensable tasks. The truth is that the Ruhr agreement is on the whole a statesmanlike piece of work. Its detailed structure has yet to be completed, but so far the Germans have no real cause for complaint about it. They will only arouse resentment and intensify suspicion if they make too loud a clamour. Of course they will protest, but they should not protest too much.

Macaulay once wrote of Walpole: "He knew that it would have been very bad policy in him to give the world to understand that more was to be got by thwarting his measures than by supporting them." This is indeed sound sense and it is the very antithesis of appeasement. For Germany co-operation is the wisest method, it can prove to be the more profitable also.

German Nationalism
The reconciliation of French and German interests is fundamental to the whole prospect of Western European unity. The outcry in Germany reflects in significant fashion the nationalist spirit which, in its extreme form, has led to the aggression of two world wars. That nationalism has to be reduced to the level of proportion for the benefit of the German people themselves as well as for the benefit of their neighbours.

The powers given to the Ruhr Authority contain no element of discrimination against the healthy

participation of German industry in the European economy. The main task of the Authority, in fact, is the allocation of Ruhr products between the home and export markets in relation to Germany's common contribution to OEEC. Meantime, the decision formulated in the Trusteeship Law, and announced by the Military Government in November, gives into German hands responsibility for the form of future ownership of the Ruhr industries. This law still stands though it raises the issue on which the French have felt their greatest uneasiness.

There is to-day no spirit of revenge among the Western Allies. This attitude is all the more remarkable and creditable to the countries which were occupied. But even if any of us felt like indulging in vengeance, and I do not if we do, our own self-interest would restrain us. We have too much need of one another.

French Recovery
In my belief opinion in Britain to-day underestimates the measure of recovery which France is achieving. We have never clearly understood the extent of the

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ravages imposed upon France's economy, and still more upon her political and social life by the German occupation and its aftermath. An enemy occupation leaves behind it an unimagined heritage of moral and material disorganisation. Despite all this we can see that there is taking place in France a significant economic recovery and some political progress, a fact which was M. Ramadier's refusal to accept dictation from the Communists and their consequent exclusion from power in 1947.

It is surely encouraging that there should exist among the Western Nations who have suffered the agencies of enemy occupation, a willingness to condone the past in a common endeavour to build the future. They want to open a window upon a fresh landscape. All this is in a fair and generous spirit, yet precautions must be taken. The Allies are not odious, they would be criminal if they were not cautious.

It would be totally unrealistic to close our eyes to the evidence of German nationalism. The theory to which so many Socialists have clung for so long, of an immediate guarantee of security could be found in the nationalisation of the Ruhr industries, is completely artificial. Such a procedure adopted by a nationalist German Government could have most dangerous consequences. Even if nationalisation were carried through by a Government of peaceful intention, a regime like Hitler's would, when it climbed to power, and a nationalized instrument ideally suited to its purpose.

But now the Ruhr Agreement itself makes possible the growth of that confidence in France and in the Benelux countries which was always the first condition for the creation of any true Western Union. Their fears were well founded; they could not just be by-passed or ignored. Now they are in a way to be fairly met, and the true work of reconstruction can begin.

In the light of the history of the last century the Ruhr Agreement cannot be regarded as burdensome. Its faults are rather those of incompleteness, but that does not necessarily mean increased severity. In three ways the Ruhr has been the arsenal of aggression. The contribution that Germany is now called upon to make to reassure her Western neighbours may, therefore, be regarded by Germany as disadvantageous, but it cannot be justly denounced as extravagant. It leaves Germany ample opportunity to prove herself a constructive partner in Western Union.

What then is the path to follow if we are to reach a really equitable and lasting solution of the German problem which, as we know, centres on the Ruhr? It is surely, to see that most of Germany is woven as closely as possible into the pattern of the free Western democracies. And the framework of Western Union already lies to hand.

Integration
Within such a union we could hope to evolve a collaboration between the Ruhr and its complementary industries both in France, Belgium and Luxembourg. This would eventually involve the integration of the heavy industry of Western Europe as a whole. Such a scheme, extending from the Ruhr to Lorraine and the Saar, would put international control on so wide a basis and interest so many mutual interests, that there would be neither scope nor opportunity for purely nationalistic plans.

The economic as well as the political implications of such proposals need detailed study if the disadvantages, as well as the advantages, are to be seen in their true perspective and a proper assessment made. The Governments of the Western Democracies should certainly give, if they have not already done so, full expert consideration to the project. I believe the United States Government has in fact already shown its interest.

So far as the French and Germans are concerned, there are many signs that, despite the immediate repercussions of the Ruhr proposals, they recognise the realities of the new Europe in which they have to go forward not only as neighbours, but as partners. There was, for example the French parliamentary motion, during a debate on the Ruhr early in December, which called for the speedy creation of a European political federation strong enough to receive the German Government without being dominated by it. We may not all favour European Federation or believe it to be realisable, but it is notable that a strong motive for French support of such a movement is a desire to find a solution of the German problem which will result in closer relations between the two countries. This motion was supported by many parties, MRP, Socialist and Gaullist. In Germany, Dr. Arnold, the Christian Democrat Pre-

FORMIDABLE

By Viscount Long Of
Wraxall

In this article Lord Long, former Conservative M.P. and present member of the Conservative Opposition in the House of Lords, shows how the French, after a headlong plunge into State ownership, are now proposing to revert to private enterprise to secure the nation's recovery. The French have a favourite means, "impressive," "redoubtable," "formidable," according to the context. It has been much used in this last sense in Paris political circles recently. The French Government has just taken stock of losses sustained over nationalisation—and the verdict is: "formidable."

So shaken has been the Government that it has introduced a Bill which will radically affect some 120 State-owned industries. In future, if the Bill is adopted, these industries will revert to 100 per cent free-enterprise methods, be subject to usual company laws, and become financially autonomous.

Moreover, consumers as well as State officials and technicians will have seats on the various Boards. What has shocked the French Council of Ministers into such vigorous action? Here are a few of the reasons. The story holds a lesson for other nations.

Planned Orgy

In 1945, Socialist France planned an orgy of nationalisation. The State commandeered the mines, gas works, power stations, banks, insurance companies, aircraft factories and some of the leading car manufacturers. In addition, iron and steel, the mercantile marine, cement, explosives, and numerous other enterprises were earmarked for acquisition at an early date.

But, to-day, there is little talk in Paris of extending State ownership and much discussion as to the best way of restoring autonomy to those industries already nationalised. What has caused this change of policy? Where have the State enterprises come unstuck?

Regarding the mines, a Commission appointed by the Belgian

mier of North Rhine Westphalia, has spoken of the fact that a closer association of the Ruhr with neighbouring industry could play in a Western European scheme.

Speed Needed

The difficulties are no doubt formidable, and I should be the last to underestimate them. But so far no other scheme of things has been set before us which offers a constructive hope for the solution of the vital problem of Franco-German relations. Those who will not accept this conception must at least show us another way. They must remember too that delay and indecision breed their own problem. It has taken a whole year for the Western Allies, without having to wait upon the Soviet Union, to reach the present agreement upon the Ruhr Authority. We must go faster than this or at every stage we shall be overtaken by events.

Another sphere of opportunity opens before Germany in the new year. Western Germany is soon to choose its own Government. That Government will have administrative tasks to discharge, but it will also have political responsibilities. The doors are in truth being opened to Germany and she is being offered a place in a joint partnership with the Western Nations. The opportunities in such co-operation are immeasurable. Within a firmly established Western Union a hundred years of history and three wars of aggression could and their final rest, and Communism its decisive answer.

The Bill

This tale of woe runs through-out French State-owned enterprises. Her nationalised railways showed a £20,000 deficit in 1947, notwithstanding a subsidy of £11,000,000. The basic State industries alone are expected to cost Frenchmen £200,000,000 during the coming year.

Much of this burden must fall upon the still prosperous free-enterprise industries in the shape of increased taxation. Fortunately for the French Treasury, private-owned businesses have not proved such dismal failures as have the nationalised concerns. We would be incredibly foolish to ignore the lesson behind the French reverses. Here is further positive proof that nationalisation, as a means of ensuring industrial prosperity, is a snare and a delusion.

It has already cost British taxpayers hundreds of millions of hard-earned money. If we insist on pursuing this policy, the reckoning is indeed likely to be truly "formidable" for us—as it has been for the French.

"THE DEAN" STEPS OUT OF THE BACKROOM

By James Brough

A tall, lean figure is again striding the streets of Georgetown, the chief of the fashionable suburb of Washington, on his way to the State Department.

In his hand, as usual, there is the inconspicuous cheap pocket-machete case containing the luncheon sandwiches which Dean Acheson likes to eat at his desk. The new American Secretary of State—fifth in four years—is going on where he left off in 1947, when he resigned as Under-Secretary to earn enough legal fees to be able to afford to serve his country once more.

The Dean, as his associates call him, combines the expensive tastes of a Yale and Harvard sophisticate with the devotion of a world-minded Liberal. His Government career has been an in-and-out affair of hard, underpaid, official jobs—even as Secretary of State he will draw only £2,750 a year—alternated with a law practice ten times as lucrative. This well-born Connecticut Yankee with a touch of Mayfair had been a lawyer for 12 years when, in 1933, he took on his first Washington appointment. It was for Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal had just started; its party life.

Roosevelt nicknamed his assistant "Old Pink Whiskers" on account of the sprawling red-tipped

Pilot Officer Paine's moustache which Acheson still wears.

But "The Dean" found Roosevelt's ways too trying and six months later he was out. On the glass door of a Washington law firm a new name was added to the mouth-filling gold-lettered list: Covington, Burlingame, Acheson, and Shorb.

Britain's Friend
From the day Britain's war began with Germany, Acheson was on the British side, arguing and pleading for American aid. His convictions and his hatred of all totalitarianism drove him back to the Government as Assistant Secretary of State in February 1941.

His special job was to work hand-in-glove with the British Embassy in these dawdling days when Roosevelt wanted to help the Allies and a hostile Congress and rigid Constitution prevented him. It was Acheson who, with three legal colleagues, found a way through the thickets of red-tape to arrange the deal that gave Britain fifty "over-age" destroyers in return for Atlantic bases. Throughout the rest of World War II, the insatiable figure of Acheson—always in a

gray suit from a London tailor—became celebrated all over the American capital as assistant to Cordell Hull.

Rapier Mind

He won a deserved reputation as a keen cocktail-party talker, his jokes, his first-class intellect. His mind works like a rapier, quick, accurate, and, if need be, painfully wounding.

In 1945 he was promoted to a rather larger mahogany desk with the title of Under-Secretary.

In General George Marshall he found a chief more after his own heart, and although his personal budget was only precariously balanced he stayed on at Marshall's request in January 1947.

In the months that followed Acheson needed dinner and supper as well as lunch in the office. With David Liffenthal he worked out a far-sighted, clear-headed report on what America should do with the atom bomb.

American Communists hooted him and local diehards reviled him, but he coolly struck to his middle, Liberal course. And in these same months this good, tried friend of Britain and all other Democracies evolved a gigantic scheme—the recovery programme that came to be known as the Marshall Plan.

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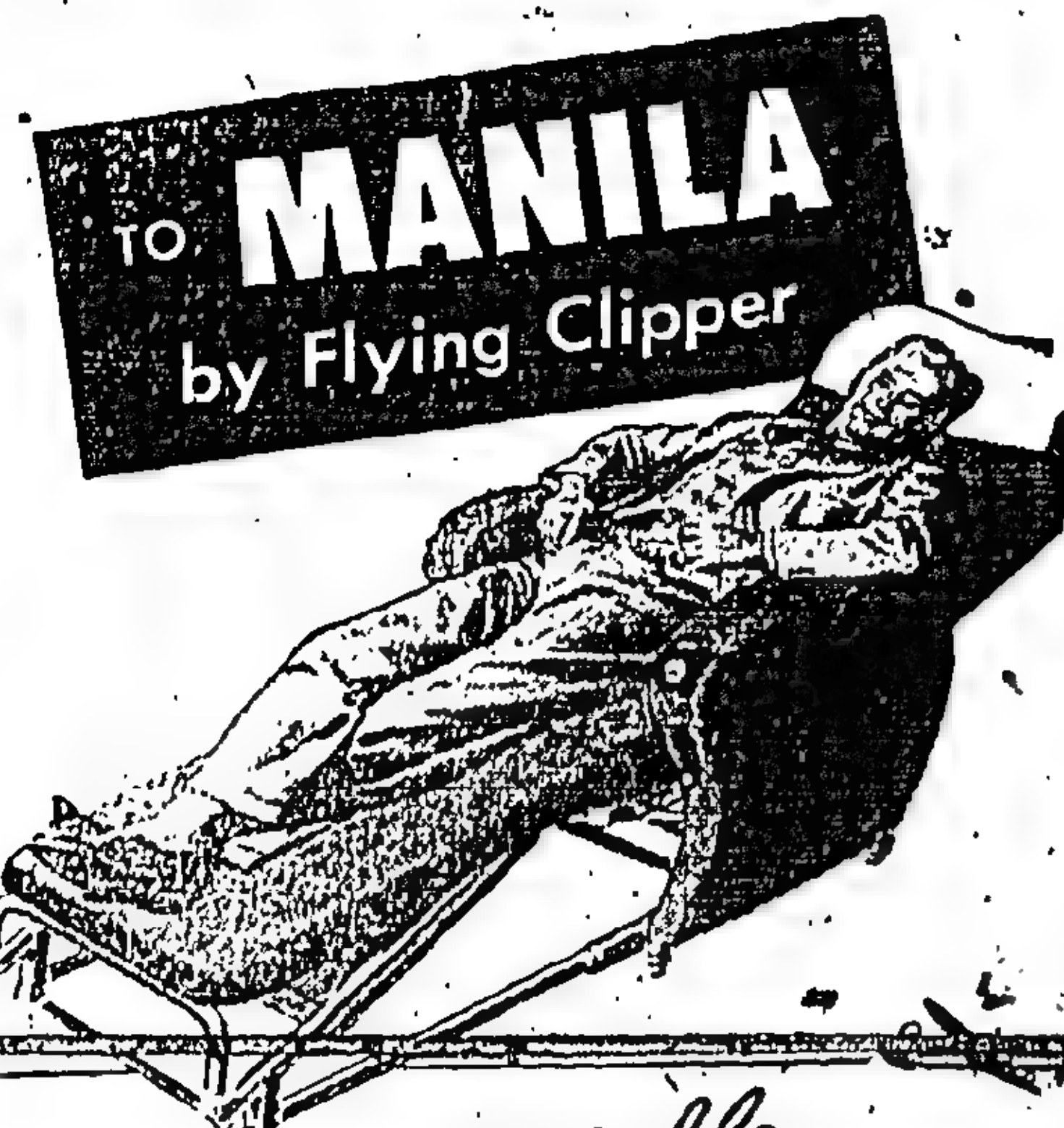
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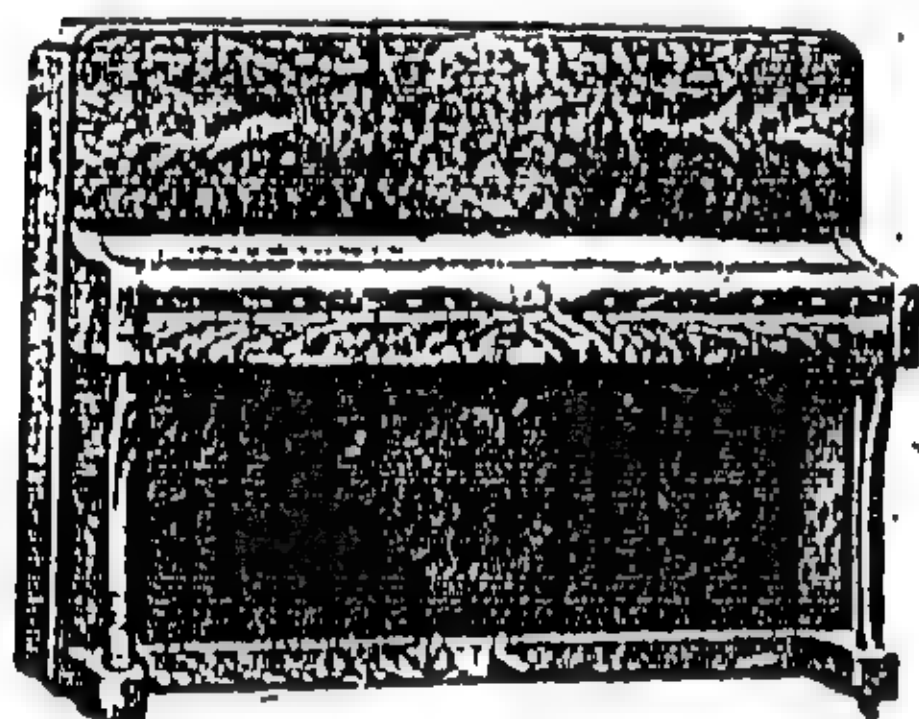
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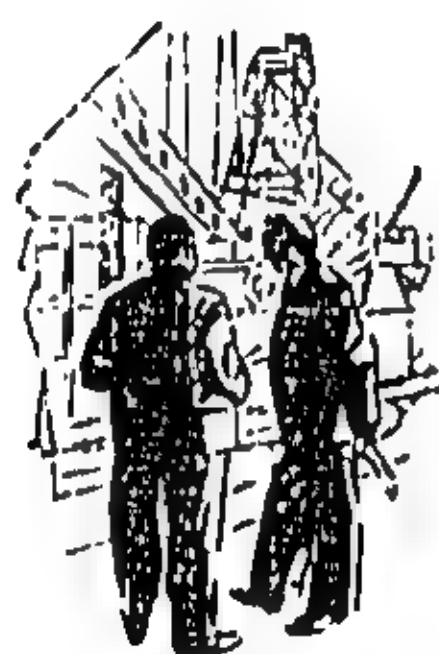


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SHANGHAI CALM OVER CHIANG'S RETIREMENT

Ministers Meet In Secret

Copenhagen, January 21. The Prime Minister, Foreign and Defence Ministers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark will meet secretly in Copenhagen tomorrow to seek an agreement on a Scandinavian military defence pact.

They will also decide what connection such a pact should have with the Atlantic Pact and Western Europe generally. The pact will be a military one, but it is believed that a Scandinavian union could supply itself with enough arms to build up adequate defences.

Help from the West is regarded as essential. Diplomatic circles in Copenhagen believed today that the three Governments have already agreed on the principle of a Scandinavian defence pact following their Ministers' meeting at Karlstad, in Sweden on January 8.—Reuter.

Russians Silent On Chiang

Moscow, January 21. Chiang Kai-shek's resignation had not yet been announced here late this afternoon.

The press and radio throughout the day were preoccupied mainly with observance of Lenin's 25th anniversary.

Nothing on China has been published since Wednesday's announcement of Mao Tse-tung's peace terms without comment. The attitude of the Soviet press on Chiang Kai-shek probably will not be forthcoming for several days.—United Press.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, January 21. Australia will export less beef this year but much more lamb and mutton, Sir William Anglin, a leading meat authority forecast today.

He blamed the end of meat rationing in Australia last June for the drop in exports in the first five months of the financial year.—Reuter.

Shanghai, which as a foreign controlled international port gave Chiang Kai-shek the support which helped him position as the head of China, took his vague "retirement" with complete calm.

The fact that Chiang has long since lost public opinion was proved in the general apathy hereabouts on his retirement from office, whether permanent or final.

No Comment

None of the three English language papers—two of them considered as Kuomintang mouthpieces—bothered to make over their editorial pages and so did not carry editorial comment on Chiang's departure. Only a few Chinese papers, practically all of which either the government or the Party controlled, commented, and these did so with cautious restraint as though not sure just what Chiang was doing.

The general feeling here is that Chiang probably will not return to the Presidency but that he himself hasn't yet in his own mind surrendered the office he has held for so long.

However, it is felt that while he has been successful in manoeuvres not unlike this one in the past, this time the situation is more than indirect Oriental political manoeuvring can surmount and that he is out, and out for good.

House-Cleaning

The simultaneous replacement of T. V. Soong as Kwangtung Governor gives Chiang's "retirement" the unflattering phrase—part of the house-cleaning of the big family clique. This name often has been applied to China's leaders by the Kuomintang and includes the Chiangs, Soongs and Kungs. The Soong family is headed by T. V. Soong, former Premier, who is considered one of the most wealthy men in the Orient.

He is brother-in-law to Chiang and the brother of Madame Chiang, who was one of the three Soong sisters. Li H. Kung, another of China's enormously wealthy men, is married to another of the Soong sisters. Kung was once Minister of Finance, but has not been in government for a long time.

Return To China

Kung and Madame Chiang at present are in the United States, and it is reported here that Soong soon will head for the United States also.

For several days the Shanghai District Court has been ordering Kung's son, David, to appear to answer charges of commodity hoarding during the economic reform period of last August and September, but young Kung, who heads the largest Kung company, the Yangtze Development Company, has not appeared, and re-

ports here are that he has gone abroad.

Most Shanghai observers think that unless some progress toward peace with the Reds is made quickly, Chiang will try to return to his high office, but most of them don't think he will be able to do it even if Li Tsung-jen, the Vice President, falls.

It is felt in this biggest China city that there isn't any real public demand for Chiang in China any more and that there hasn't been for a long time.—Associated Press.

New Facilities For Shipping

Puckeridge, January 21. New radio navigational facilities for ocean-going liners in British coastal waters were inaugurated by Mr. Alfred Barnes, Minister of Transport, today, when he pressed a switch of the master transmitting station of the English Decca Navigator Chain at Puckeridge.

The extended system now provides an identification service which enables deep sea captains to check their exact position quickly, simply and accurately as they approach the English shores, even in conditions of thick fog or mist.

Having established their precise whereabouts they can then make use of the regular transmission from four radio stations in the English Decca Chain, which have for the past two years provided "eyes" for hundreds of coastal traders and collars when visibility is bad.—Reuter.

TUC Chairman Backs Austria

London, January 22. The Chairman of the Trades Union Congress, Mr. Will Lawther, today backed Austria's claims for more generous treatment by the great powers.

Just back from a 10-day visit to Austria, he told Reuter: "It seems tragic to the Austrians and beyond their understanding that after the definite promises made that they would be given their status back they have been treated by some of the Allies as if they are still at war."

Mr. Lawther, who is President of the National Union of Mineworkers, paid particular tribute to the Austrian miners, who, he said, are among the most skilled in the world.—Reuter.

Soviet Consul For Canton

Canton, January 22. The Associated Press has learned that a Soviet Consulate will soon be established here, following approval by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Soviets have not had a Consulate in Canton for a long time.

It was also reported that the Soviet news agency Tass and a Soviet film distribution company also are to set up offices in Canton.

Nanking government personnel are expected today in Canton. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be located in the downtown area while the Ministry of National Defence will be located on Whampoa Island.—Associated Press.

ABANDONED SHIP

London, January 21. The crew of the Spanish ship Andurina, including the captain's wife, have been landed at Grimsby on the East Coast of England. The crew abandoned ship yesterday after reporting that she was sinking.—Reuter.

Peiping Mission Hit By Artillery

Peiping, January 22.

Two small artillery shells exploded at noon yesterday in the compound of the American Methodist Mission, a quarter mile from the Legation quarter.

The windows of several houses were shattered, but no other damage was suffered and there were no casualties.

One shell exploded 20 feet from the home of Reverend Edward J. Aeschliman, of Rochester, New York. Mrs. Aeschliman was in the kitchen at the time preparing lunch. While the kitchen caught the main force of the blast, she was uninjured.

Meanwhile, it was learned here that the Reds have reinforced their positions around Peiping with an estimated 40,000 more troops.

It is strongly rumoured that they will attack the city within a few days. Secret meetings here are carried out. The rumours might be baseless, but they have served to create a great deal of uneasiness.—Associated Press.

Silver Was Not Booty

Washington, January 22.

The famous Hohenzollern silver collection, brought to the United States by the Maryland National Guard's 175th Infantry Regiment, has been sent back to Germany.

The Army had ruled previously that the collection can not be considered war booty under the provisions of the Hague Convention.

The regiment's commanding officer received it shortly before the fall of Berlin. After being brought to this country, the collection was first stored in the Baltimore Armoury vault and later at the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

The collection left New York on January 11 aboard the United States Army transport General Patch, en route to Bremerhaven. It will be stored in the Deutscher Landwehr Bank in Frankfurt for safe keeping for the German people.

The collection comprises 500 settings of silver and numerous silver trays, dishes, table ornaments, statuettes, urns, punch bowls and glassware. All the pieces bear the Imperial crest of the Hohenzollerns.—United Press.

Aussie Papers For Poles

Canberra, January 22.

Australia will grant naturalisation to ex-Polish soldiers and airmen who have lived for a year in the Dominion and for four of the past eight years in the British Commonwealth, or are serving with British commanders.

Announcing this today, Mr. Arthur Calwell, Minister for Immigration, said: "There are 1,500 Poles ex-servicemen in Australia, of whom 850 are working in Tasmania with the hydro-electricity commission."

"At least 500 will be eligible for naturalisation if they apply. After the oath of Australian allegiance and renouncing Polish citizenship, they will be free to seek employment in any part of Australia."—Reuter.

PROTESTANT LEADER KILLED

Mexico City, January 22.

The National Committee for the Defence of Protestants said that the Protestant leader, Antonio de la Cruz, had been killed in the village of Tadmorillas, in Mexico state.

In a request for interior Department intervention, the Committee said that Cruz was killed when a group of 70 persons attacked him at his home. Protestants in Tadmorillas had requested Government permission to open a local church, the Committee said.—Associated Press.

TO QUERY JONES ON MALAYA

London, January 21. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, is to be asked in Parliament next Wednesday.

Whether he "is aware that the planters in Malaya are convinced that the terrorist danger has recently increased rather than decreased and that firmer action is necessary if the situation in Malaya is not to deteriorate; What further steps are to be taken to apply effective action; and

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The questioner is Sir Peter MacDonnell, Conservative.—Reuter.

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*A Planter Gives The Inside Story Of Malaya's
War In An Interview With GRAHAM STANFORD*

TODAY'S MEMO FROM MALAYA

I have carried a gun for 18 miles a day for the past three months. At meal-times it has lain on the floor by my side; at night it has been stowed under my bed.

Yet, arriving back in Britain after a three-month tour of the rubber estates, I hear that all is quiet on the Malayan front; that the Government has the position nicely in hand.

That is a curtain of Whitehall camouflage designed to prevent the asking of awkward questions. It must be torn aside.

The situation in Malaya is not under control. And, unless we change our tactics very radically, the death toll taken by the terrorists will increase.

The present Armed Forces in the country are entirely inadequate to deal with all the bandit-infested areas. At least 200,000 armed and jungle-trained troops or police will be required eventually to deal with the trouble.

Real War

It is war in Malaya; real war, and the sooner we realise it the better. It is folly for anyone not to carry a gun, and it is no unusual sight to see a lady in evening dress unsling a rifle before sitting down to dinner in a hotel.

Managers and assistants of the estates usually carry Stens, rifles, revolvers, or automatics. Mills bombs have been issued to most European personnel.

Estate bungalows, stores, factories are now being equipped with barbed-wire fences, trip wires, flood lighting, slit trenches, and strong-points.

In many cases there is a shortage of barbed wire, and it is time that some of the dumps in Britain were raided for the defence of this country.

But that is defensive war, and can never beat the bandits, who have advance information of any "sweep" or patrol that the police or military are making. The bandits are "upped off" by Chinese clerks and interpreters, and it is too easy to arrange an ambush.

Military Tactics

Orthodox military tactics against the bandits are hopeless. Troops new to the country do their best, but they are wrongly equipped, inadequately train-

ed. I was shaken to find two Regular officers (a major and a captain) of the Devons who had been operating against bandits for months but had never seen a map of the country. I parted with my only up-to-date map to the major.

Until the country is wired and block-housed it cannot be cleared of jungle bandits. They must be hunted in the same way as game; driven across some properly manned open space such as a road or a river where exposure to the "guns" is inevitable.

I am often asked who are the bandits and whether it is correct to describe them as Communists. Hard core of the movement consists of the gangsters, robbers or thugs who since the first Chinese revolution in 1911 have operated in such districts as Sungei Siput, Chemor, Kampar, and Central Johore.

During the Japanese occupation they lived as they do now, by levying toll on squatters, shopkeepers, and others to whom they posed as patriots and liberators.

As Communist propaganda suited their book, so they have adopted it to recruit young Chinese to what they represent as an army of liberation from the Communists. This propaganda is ready to hand from sources in China and Russia.

Intimidation

People ask why the bandits are able to commit their crimes and get away with it. The answer is that Malaya is riddled with intimidation.

The weak Administration, presumably acting on directions from an ignorant home Government, insist on trial in open court, and all witnesses against the gangsters are liquidated. Even today banishment is only sparingly used, and for a time was practically suspended.

Lord Mountbatten's order that the death penalty should be enforced against anyone carrying unlicensed firearms was rescinded at a time when lawlessness and armed robbery were rife.

How are bandits financed? Again the answer is only too easy. For a time their leaders were trade-union officials basking in the smiles and plaudits of their opposite numbers in the Mother of Parliaments back in Britain.

In this heaven-sent role they used their now legalised collectors to extract contributions from the labourers in much the same way as collections are

made in Britain. Only difference was that to enforce compliance the threat was a bullet instead of a "closed shop."

Union Demands

The absurd increases in wages demanded earlier this year by the "trade unions" have been passing in most cases into the pockets of idle and unscrupulous thugs as immunity money, either through the shopkeepers and contractors, or direct from the coolies themselves.

Since last June, when the campaign of murder started, trade union leaders have reverted to their original role of gangsters, and their former method of finance. As practically all up-country shopkeeping is in the hands of Chinese, the shopkeepers are the natural medium for collecting for the gangsters' funds.

Chinese shopkeepers, headmen, or contractors who do not too the line are killed, for the only power seen or felt in most parts of Malaya is that of the bandits.

Back Room Boys

The feeling of all quiet on the Malayan front exists only in the minds of Whitehall's Back Room Boys. Ask any planter who lives on his nerves and with a gun at his hand for 24 hours of the day and night.

Another form of finance is stolen rubber. Many tappers on the large estates are forced to give or sell a portion of their latex to the bandits. Some estates estimate that they are losing 50 per cent of their rubber in this way.

It makes me angry when I am asked whether it is not the case that the men who have been murdered are those who treated their labourers harshly. The answer is an emphatic "No." Some of the murdered Britons had been extremely popular with their labourers.

Of the first three planters murdered, Allison and Walker came within this category, and Christian had been too short a time in Malaya for any opinion to have been formed.

The estates are suffering badly. In one area no contractor has dared go round his tappers for months; one who attempted to do so was murdered while I was in the district.

Crop is often lost through armed bandits ordering tappers back to the lines, or by military sweeps when estate labourers are confined to their dwellings.

Tigers

In some areas man-eating tigers have become a menace. No one dare sit up or stalk them for fear of bandits, and tappers are afraid to tap fields where forestry growth provides cover for tigers.

Much of a manager's time is taken up on patrols, supervision of guards, conferences with the Commissioner of Special Police and others, and the lack of European supervision is reflected in output and quality of work. Young rubber is menaced by the increase of pig and deer, due to the cessation of shooting for sport or the protection of the trees.

What to do? Sweep this camouflage curtain aside and show these bandits that the British they now regard as weak really do mean business.

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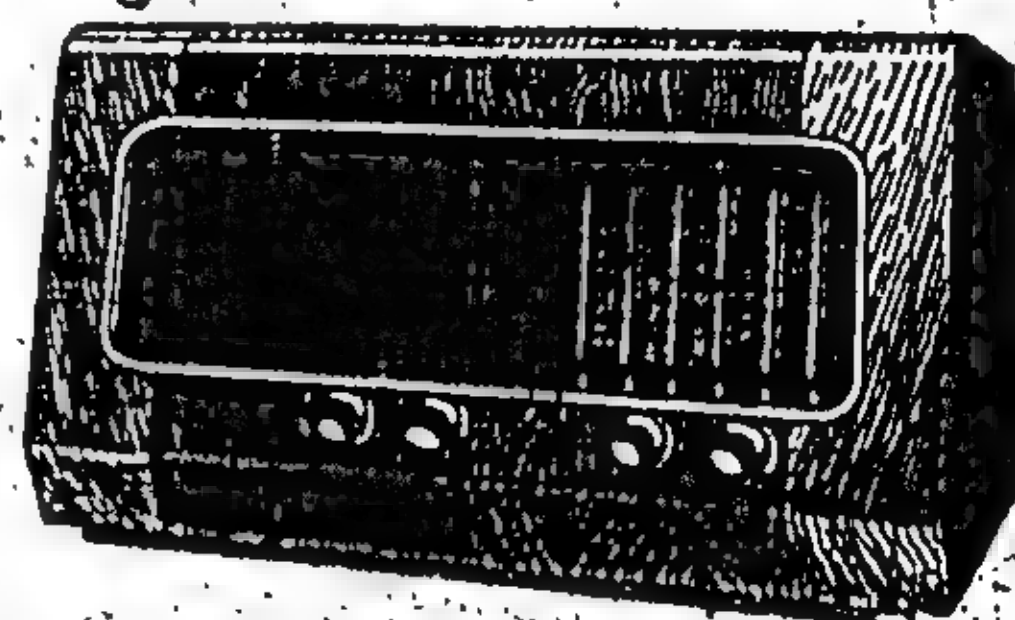
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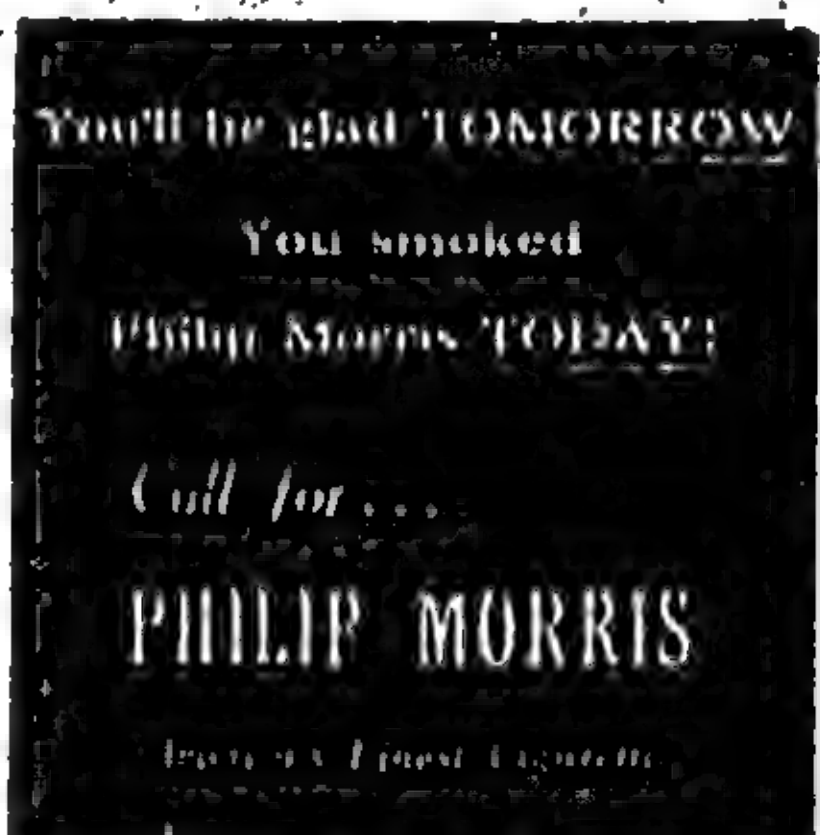
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Talking about Films.

MARKS FOR TWO OUT OF TEN

By Fred Majdalany

In the cinema 1949 may be said to have opened in a blaze of mediocrity. Only two out of ten new offerings can reasonably be expected to engage the attention of a normal grown-up person. One is called "The Saxon Charm," the other "Sealed Verdict." Both are American.

"Sealed Verdict" begins well with a vivid impression of the American zone of Berlin and the difficulties of an army of occupation. The soldier with whom we are mainly concerned is a major in the Judge-Advocate-General's department of the Army.

After successfully prosecuting a German general for war crimes and getting him a death sentence, the major (Ray Milland) hears things which plant a doubt in his mind whether the general is really guilty.

His efforts to satisfy himself that there has not been a miscarriage of justice bring him into conflict with his Army superiors, with visiting American civilians, and with various Germans.

After an excellent first half, however, the film degenerates into melodrama and allows sentiment to come in and sap the dramatic force that has been skilfully worked up.

More precisely, the major's quest for truth and justice becomes confused in an old-fashioned, filmy way with a passion for the ex-lady friend of the German general.

"The Saxon Charm" aims lower and succeeds better, being a thoroughly able comedy on thoroughly familiar ground.

Poking fun at megalomaniacs is a game which Hollywood, being full of them, has good reason to play well, and the formula seldom goes wrong. The point about the current megalomaniac is that beside the usual oddities found in the standard Mark I (or Sydney Greenstreet) model he has charm too.

Matt Saxon is a mad theatrical producer who is destructive towards everyone, from waiters and his unpaid office staff to playwrights, whose marriages he is apt to break up. But his charm compels their loyalty.

Robert Montgomery plays the wild man with gusto, Susan Hayward and Audrey Totter are decoratively (but somewhat wastefully) in attendance, and the fun lasts out pretty well. If you don't mind humour almost exclusively to do with the manners, morals and customs of the stage.

If Norman Collins should happen to catch "Third Time Lucky" he may feel moved to re-name his well-known work "London Doesn't Belong to Me."

This story of a gambler and his girl sets the observer quite a task identifying the places in which it is happening. One minute we are in a Mayfair casino, splendid with flunkies and jewelled patricians; the next we appear to be drinking in one of those exotic bars that are a feature of London suburbs or waking up in a mews flat combining the characteristics of Soho and Kensington.

Luckily there is nothing else with which to occupy the mind at this picture—except to deplore the employment in it of two of our more interesting younger players—Glynis Johns and Dermot Walsh.

The gangster school of art is better left to the Americans, and "Cry of the City" is at least efficiently put together and briskly conducted.

Victor Mature is the policeman and Richard Conte is the thug, if you are interested.

As already reported, "Warning to Wantons" is the first film to employ a new production method which, it is claimed, can halve the cost of a film. On the other hand, the method clearly imposes certain restrictions on the director and the performers—which could account for the fact that this is not a very well-directed or well-acted film.

It is about a young girl who runs away from a convent and becomes involved in amorous adventures of the kind usually found in old-time French farce or English musical comedy.

It will be fairer to judge the new production system (called "Independent Frame") when we have seen more examples. It will be fairer to consider such agreeable performers as Ann Vernon, David Tomlinson, Sonja Holm, and Harold Warrender when they are not being tortured on the rack of progress.

New Technique

"Warning to Wantons," the first major film to be produced by means of the Rank Organisation's recently developed production technique—popularly designated the "Independent Frame" process—is shortly to be available to overseas audiences.

The process, enables previously photographed scenes to be linked to stars in action filmed in studios. Thus, two or three people may be snapped against a simple background in studios and will emerge on the screen as part of a crowded street scene in, say, Singapore.

In addition, complex photographic backings and models can be made by optical processes to blend with small sections of studio settings to produce a completely realistic and spectacular composition on the screen.

Some of these things have been done before; some parts of the new technique are still on the secret list. What has been done before can now be done more economically and with a stronger illusion of reality. The proof is on the screen.

From the point of view of the man in the stalls, "Warning to Wantons," which recently had its first showing in London, is indistinguishable in what values from any other high quality picture. Its settings are spacious and decorative, its outdoor decor is entirely realistic; its countryside look like real countryside photographed in the open air. To the audience it will certainly carry complete conviction and they will have no impression that it is all done by technical trickery.

The story, which was chosen to demonstrate these new resources, which makes for greater economy and flexibility of production, is a modern fairy tale about an attractive young girl who cheerfully encourages the attention of a wealthy landowner then falls in love with a simple peasant and, finally, after returning to the rich man decides that love in a cottage is the thing for her after all.

It is all rather unreal, but at the same time rather graceful—a sophisticated morally play in fact. It is very attractively played by the French guest star Anne Vernon, as the girl, the radio actor Harold Warrender as the wealthy man and that rising com-



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dian David Tomlinson as the young peasant. The film certainly gives technicians a variety of settings with which to put their long experimenting to practical use.

The very fact that the results of their work are so little noticeable is proof of its success; and this first full scale glimpse of a new method in action makes one eager to see other films produced with the same resources, since the method stands for swifter and more economical production at no sacrifice of quality.

Another new British picture that is worth seeing is "Portrait From Life," a Gainsborough film which deals with life in displaced persons' camps in Central Europe. It is a serious story. The portrait of the title is one of a girl painted by a dipsomaniac artist which a British officer finds curiously fascinating and a European refugee, deeply poignant, because it reminds him of his lost daughter. The former, believing the refugee's feeling to be something more than flattery, undertakes to search for the girl whom he eventually finds; but before he can restore her to her family he has to combat some unpleasant camp officials who have their own reasons for wishing to deny the girl's true identity.

Fine realistic settings and sensitive camera work do much to impart to this story its atmosphere of unhappy humanity caught up in a web of officialdom which in this story is at times sinister. But it is the magnificently conceived and emotionally acted portrait of the girl which gives the film its powerful human quality.

The role of the girl is taken by Miss Zetterling who came to Britain from Swedish films and who has decided to settle down to act in British pictures. She has a wide emotional range and great beauty.

Our Serial Story

AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA

By Raymond Knotts

Breckenridge Polk: "We have got your daughter. She will live exactly as long as you do what we say. First, call off the police. That means all policemen, deputy sheriffs, FBI men and private detectives. Make no attempt to find us but wait quietly until we tell you what to do. Violate this order and your daughter will be killed."

Second, get three hundred thousand dollars in currency, three thousand five hundred dollar bills. Do not mark the bills. Do not take any serial numbers.

This is written on Wednesday. Tonight we will abduct your daughter. Tomorrow night, Thursday, you are to remain at home all evening. You will have all policemen, detectives, newspaper men and photographers cleared out for three blocks in every direction. You will be told how to deliver the money to us in a manner to insure that you will get your daughter back alive and unharmed.

If you accept these terms, insert a want ad in the afternoon newspaper tomorrow, saying, "Wanted: Grants' memoirs in good condition." Sign it B.P. 18."

The person who communicates with you will use the name of Asa. Deal with no one but Asa.

Assuming that our plans have not been interfered with in some way that would make it necessary to kill her, your daughter will be at the time you read this, safe in our custody. She will not be especially comfortable. She knows you are tricky, and she will have been given clearly to understand that if you try to be tricky with us she will surely die.

Hale looked up. "Are you going to deal with them, Breck?" "Of course I'll deal," Polk's voice was an angry growl. "But afterwards! Then by God, they'll find out something."

"It looks," said Hale, "like radio script. Newspaper morgues—reference libraries, that is—use a typewriter with letters like this too. It's strange—kidnapper would use a machine so easily traced."

"We'll have the fingerprint men go over the letter and envelope," said the chief. Then he phoned the sheriff to try off the search as Polk had decided to deal with the kidnappers.

The door opened and Mrs. Cayples came in purposefully. "I've gotten the FBI on the job, Breck." "Well, tell them to lay off!" barked Polk. "Jim, how her the ransom note."

The policeman on guard ushered in the elegant financier, Quillmire, and Velma Martine.

"I think I ought to tell you," Velma's light, childish voice came a little breathlessly. "Everybody says so scream came from outside the building. But I—I was in my dressing room and—" she hesitated—"seemed to me, that the scream came from inside the club!"

"Holloran, have every inch of the building searched," said the chief sharply. "Let's go to your dressing room, Miss Martine."

They all went back of the ballroom through a corridor lined with coats, one of which Velma opened.

The dressing room walls were of limsy wallboard. At one end were mirrors, and a row of coat hangers. Here was a dressing table with a big mirror, a chair, and a chintz-covered bench.

"I was lying down," said Velma. "I had turned off the light. My eyes hurt. The scream brought me right up to my feet. It seemed to come from the room next door."

They trooped out through the corridor and into the adjoining room.

The room was larger than the dressing room of Miss Martine. All along

the inside wall ran a built-in table, with a continuous mirror above and a row of stools in front. The chorus dressing room, obviously, used only when there was a floor show.

There were two small, high windows with swinging sashes on the outside wall. The end walls were bare and lined with double rows of hooks for clothing. The dressing table top and floor were intricately patterned with cigarette burns.

"There's nothing to indicate a struggle here," the chief said.

Miss Martine shrugged. "I didn't hear a struggle. Just the scream."

"We'll look in the room on the other side of yours," said Hale.

But that room was completely empty. They found nothing at all.

They went back to the manager's office, where newspaper reporters and photographers had gathered. Everyone had his picture taken—except Quillmire who refused to pose. Miss Martine told the reporters about her version of the scream.

Sergeant Holloran came back to report on the search of the club.

"Judie Polk isn't in this building, chief. We looked everywhere."

First, as in the Polk household the next day was Marcia Lansing, Congresswoman Cayples' secretary. She was too upset by Judie's kidnapping for sound sleep when finally, at five a.m., she crept into bed. When she drowsed the voice of the wind kept getting into her dreams. Its scream became a hungry shriek—a terrified, shrill cry for help—Judie's—and she would start up in bed with pounding heart.

So now, at seven, she got up, showered and dressed. She put on a plain dress and thick-rimmed glasses made her face prim and business-like.

Entering the dining room, she saw a young man. He had sandy hair and a rugged pleasant face.

"Hello, I'm Bill Buford," he said.

"Of Mr. Polk's office in Chicago, Legal department. I just got here last night. They sent me down here with some briefs for Mr. Polk to look over. But now—" he broke off.

"It's horrible," said Marcia. "We're all sick with fear for her. Mrs. Cayples is almost in a state of collapse."

She sat down at the table. Soon she began to feel less strained as Bill Buford chatted pleasantly across the table.

Hale's day began with a visit from Pritchard. He was tying his tie when the butler arrived. "I thought you might like some coffee immediately, sir."

"A mind reader," said Hale, surprised but pleased.

Pritchard poured the coffee, but made no move to leave. Hale asked pleasantly, "Something on your mind?"

"Yes, sir, there is. I don't want to be officious, Mr. Hale, but I think I ought to tell you about Pavich. He's a gangster, sir."

"Not a very big one. He just drove a beer truck for Capone. But he is a very tough man, Mr. Hale. That is why Mr. Polk hired him."

"But, Pritchard, don't you suppose Mr. Polk knows all this?"

Pritchard shrugged his narrow shoulders. "Not all about him, I should think. He trusts Pavich absolutely."

"I do not trust Pavich myself, sir. And I know him, I believe, more intimately than Mr. Polk does. More coffee, sir?"

Hale sat drinking his coffee after Pritchard had gone. Now what, he wondered was that about? He de-

clined that when he telephoned his paper in Chicago he would ask for all possible information on Pritchard, as well as on Pavich.

Congresswoman Cayples had a visitor early that day. She received a lovely, tawny girl in her office at the Polk home.

"Sit down," said Mrs. Cayples, rudely. She spread a sheet of newspaper on the desk. "Here is a picture of my son—dancing with you. The newspaper, Miss Hepler, describes you as a 'pretty Miami stenographer.'"

The girl returned Mrs. Cayples' cold stare. "So what?"

Mrs. Cayples flushed. "Mr. Cayples' social position makes any association between yourself and him impossible. I'm offering you ten thousand dollars to leave Miami—and not tell my son where you've gone."

The girl's face was pink with anger. She rose and stood beside the desk. "You dumb conceited snob!" she said quietly. "Keep your money to buy votes with." And she went out, closing the door gently behind her.

For a long moment Mrs. Cayples sat staring at the door. Then she reached for the telephone and called the Del-field Detective Agency. "This is Representative Cayples. Send an investigator to me at my brother's house—Breckenridge Polk's."

As she hung up the telephone, Pritchard, the butler knocked. "The Countess di Sorrentino to see you, madame," he said.

A dark and richly beautiful woman pushed past Pritchard into the room and Pritchard closed the door behind him.

"Really, Margaretta!" exclaimed Mrs. Cayples, "why should you want to see me? Our relationship ended when you divorced my son."

"Margaretta smiled. 'Ah, but my divorce is not final yet. I want,' said Margaretta, looking her directly in the eye, 'five hundred thousand dollars more. Then I will let the divorce become final.'"

"Get out, Margaretta," Mrs. Cayples said in an iron-hard voice. "I'm sick of paying blackmail to women who marry Orring just so they can blackmail me. I tell you I'm through!" She rose from her chair, wide, powerful and menacing. "Get out before I do something to you!"

The Countess di Sorrentino fled.

That same morning Breckenridge Polk awoke to a fuming rage and stormed across the hall to Orring's room. "Where the hell were you," he shouted, "when Judie got kidnapped?"

Orring, startled awake, sat up abruptly, then clutched his head in his hands. "Kidnapped?" he echoed thickly. "When?"

"Just after you passed out last night. And where was Pavich, her bodyguard? Hauling mama's great big beautiful boy home drunk!"

Orring groaned. "I'm sorry, Uncle Breck."

"Sorry!" Polk raged. "Dammit, it's your fault and you're sorry! The bartender heard Judie tell you she was scared last night. What was it, what was it?"

Orring stared at him stupidly.

"I don't know, Uncle Breck. I'm afraid I wasn't paying much attention."

The telephone rang and Orring, obviously grateful for the interruption, answered.

Polk heard him say, "Yes, the Margaretta... Sunk!"

"My boat—she's sunk!" said Orring, jerking on his slacks. "The Margaretta's sunk!" Then fumbling with his shirt buttons, he ran out of the room.

On the bank of the canal he found a handful of men, goggling down at the water. There was the Margaretta's mast and cross arm protruding out of the scum.

"You Mr. Cayples?" The coast guard's man was young and very stern. Orring nodded glumly. "She's turning athwart the channel," said the coast guard's man. "You'll have to get her out of there first-minute work."

"Could a salvage outfit work here in the canal?" Orring asked hopefully.

The coast guard's man shook his head. "Not today in this wind. Why did you



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berth her so close to the mouth of the canal, anyway?"

"Why, I've tied her up this close lots of times—almost this close, anyway. Besides, how would I know this wind was coming up? It wasn't predicted."

After breakfast Hale went to the Plaza Delgado to look over the missing Harold Detridge's room. He took Elinore with him. A detective ushered them into a very small room.

Hale looked in the closet. A tropical dinner suit was hanging there. Detridge had been here and changed his clothes. Without comment, Hale closed the closet door and went to the bathroom. Shaving things and tooth brush were missing.

Hale investigated the little writing desk. It was empty except for a small sheet of paper. On it was written:

Land	\$18,000
Machinery	\$30,000
Raw Material	\$24,000
Construction	\$50,000
Operating Reserve	\$18,000
	\$200,000

Hale slipped the paper into his pocket.

From the hotel they drove downtown to police headquarters.

"What did the typewriter expert find out about the letter?" asked Hale.

"No report yet."

"May I see the letter?" asked Elinore. The chief got it out of his desk.

"No fingerprints either." He shook his head wearily.

"Your typewriter man won't ever trace this one," Elinore said. "It was written on a child's toy typewriter!"

Hale looked at the chief. "She's right. And how smart the guy was! A typewriter like his can't be traced. There's no record of it." On the way home Elinore assailed Hale vehemently.

"Why didn't you tell the chief Harold had been back to his room and changed his clothes and run away? And about that piece of paper that shows Harold was planning to do something with \$200,000?"

"Because they might have found him. And if Detridge does have anything to do with Judie's kidnapping, she'd be killed. You read that ransom letter."

"Oh!" Elinore's voice sounded sick. "Oh!"

After lunch Hale received two wires from his newspaper.

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PIGMY CARTOON



"Well, how's the tangled web spinning out-to-day?"

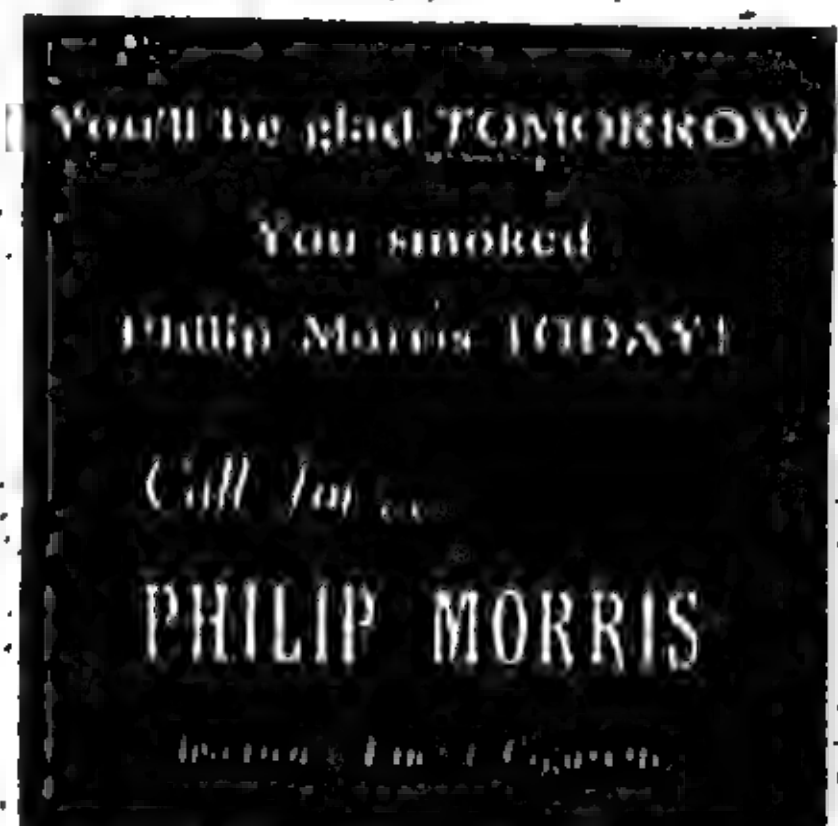
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ORIGIN OF MUSIC

BIBLICAL references to music must be one of the earliest written references that exist, although the Egyptian and Chinese Dynasties contain certain indications of the existence of musical instruments. Lack-but, psaltery, harp, tambourin, and drum are mentioned frequently in the Old Testament, but I feel that, to be logical about music's origin, we must skate thinly over these early days and start about the middle of the 16th Century. It is then that the true foundations of music were being laid, and the whole basis on which theory today rests can be traced back to the ideas and theories proposed by the composers of this age.

In the early days of music, Italy was undoubtedly the cultural centre of the world. Indeed remembering the works of La Vinci, Michelangelo and Cellini, it is safe to infer that in pre-Renaissance days, the Italians had a monopoly of all that was best in artistic circles. The Austro-German regime, heralded by Bach and Haydn had yet to come, in all its achievements. Indeed it is doubtful whether the years 1650-1850 can ever again be equalled in the quantity and quality of glorious music which still exists to remind us of the endless genius that typifies Bach, Beethoven and Schubert.

Cremone was the home of the famous Stradivarius, the "father of the fiddle" to adopt an apt cliché. While it would be untrue to say that composers whose music had so far found fame had been noticeably hampered by lack of development in instruments themselves, Stradivarius, Guarnerius and other violin makers did much to develop and assist music by perfecting the violin. Indeed, no change in the fiddle's construction—at least, none of material importance—has occurred since those days. It was, therefore, the composer's task to write music of which the fiddle was capable and not for the fiddle-makers to devise an instrument which would satisfy the composers' demands.

THE early days of music are characterized by the development of vocal music, more than instrumental compositions. Probably more than in any other realm of the Arts, the Church exercised a profound influence in this sphere. The Gregorian Chants and plain-song of the ancient Italian Apostolic Churches are still to be heard even today in very much their original form. It was Mozart who, at the age of 7, heard a Gregorian chant in a Milan Cathedral and some three weeks later was able to write down the complete score of it from memory.

The Egyptian and Grecian dynasties are generally admitted to have been well-ordered and highly civilised States. Of their music, little seems to be known except that Pope Gregory selected certain traditional airs and used them as a basis for plain-song. With the additional field of Hebrew melodies (Kol Niddei is a case in point, although only the title is common, the tune varying largely) to draw from, the early Italian composers turned their talents to composing music based on this field of choice.

SCARLATTI, Corelli and Tartini were the outstanding composers of this early Italian era and many examples of their work have endured down the centuries and are still heard today.

NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Mr. J. L. Sullivan.
2. Six miles to the East.
3. Chesterfield.
4. Mr. Fu Ping-shan.
5. Manila.
6. Strasbourg.
7. Secretary of State for Air.

Contributed By "MUSSETTA"

"Music di camera" is the name given to their type of compositions, for it was music of small proportions, intended for performance in the intimate surroundings of the salons of Milan, Rome and Genoa. In its quiet intimacy lies the secret of its enduring charm, I feel. "Music di Camera" is, of course, the forerunner of Chamber Music and, in fact, only the slightest differences distinguish the two forms.

Chamber music generally is taken to imply the use of three or more instruments, usually first and second violin, supported by cello. But a sonata for piano alone, or for piano and violin is equally Chamber Music.

I HAVE digressed, I'm afraid a little from the main theme with which I started—that of Origins of Music. Space precludes further enquiry now, but at a later date, I shall hope to carry this enquiry further.

SUNDAY

In spite of an admissible charge of being unoriginal, I must again select the two-part Symphony Concert for special mention. The programme tonight is:

Overture—La Scala di Sita—Rossini.
Cello Concerto in B Minor—Dvorak.
Maytime in Sussex (Morning Song)—Bax.
Symphony No. 4 in E Minor—Brahms.

March Pontificale (Organ)—Widor.
Scherzo (Solos)—Whitlock.

Rossini's fame today largely rests on his lighthearted opera "Barber of Seville" and of course the ever popular "William Tell" Overture. Vitality seems to be the key-note of his music; and it is certain that this factor was one of the main reasons for his overwhelming success in Vienna. The German composers—ever jealous of their own music and reputation—resented this intrusion of their own doorstep, but these resentments were swept away by the rushing tide of enthusiasm which greeted "Tancredi" and other of Rossini's works. To succeed in a foreign field so lavishly guarded by ramparts of insular solidarity was no mean achievement, and is in itself sufficiently good evidence of the enduring qualities of Rossini's music.

THE solo in Dvorak's 'Cello Concerto is played by the eminent Spanish cellist, Pau Casals, whose untiring efforts have raised—if that were necessary—the cello to even more dignified musical heights than formerly.

On this cello concerto, Dvorak has lavished some of the loveliness and inspiration which eternally graces his symphony "From the New World." With a Veridian-like ability, lyrical melody succeeds melody with incredible speed. Much of the beauty of this concerto lies in Dvorak's skillful treatment of the orchestra. A composer is confronted with a major problem in attributing the solo-line to a cello—that of sustaining the cello's soft voiced timbre above the orchestral background.

That Dvorak has succeeded in doing this will be evidenced in the performance of this work tonight. Bonavia aptly states the position thus: "He seems reluctant to come to the last bar, and, before concluding, inserts a short epilogue which reminds one of the tears Dumas shed when having reached the last stage of the d'Artagnan cycle, he had to kill his beloved hero."

BAX'S romance for piano (played tonight by Harriett Cohen) is dedicated to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth. Akin to the music of Vaughan Williams.

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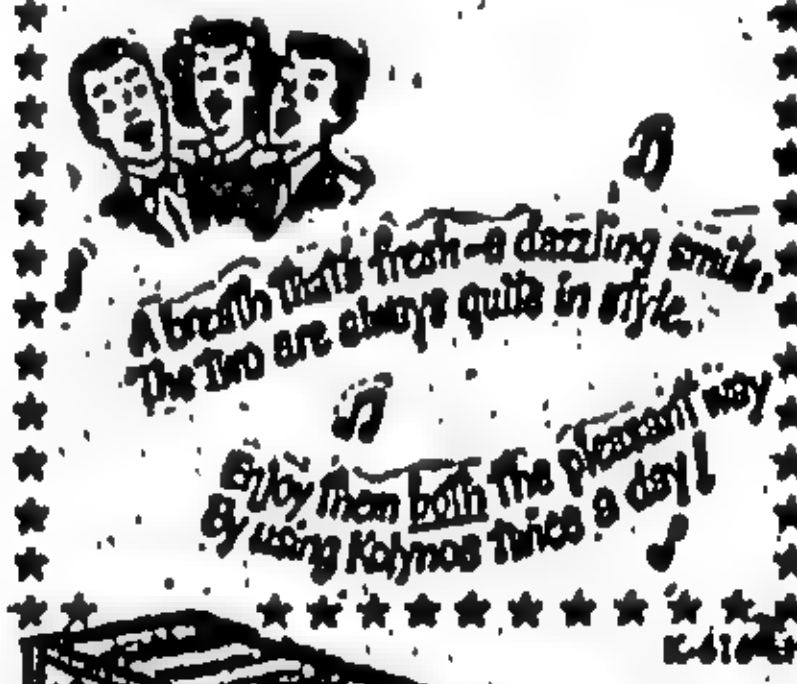
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In its reminiscent air of the English countryside, this short composition typically illustrates the picture its title stipulates.

The Brahms No. 4 Symphony represents him in more mature vein, and the key-note, as has been said before of Brahms, is one of austerity. There is an ebullient third movement which does not qualify exactly for the description of scherzo.

MONDAY

IT is not often that the morning programmes provide material for special comment. Today however, is an exception since at 1.35 p.m. there is a performance of "Aurora's Wedding," ballet music by Tchaikowski. Unlike most of the Russian composers, Tchaikowski had the ability to score quite lightly when the mood so moved him and also to paint in music, pictures far removed from his native...

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Children's Herald

AT MY TYPEWRITER...



I'm sure most of you are looking forward to the Chinese New Year holidays. The Chinese Children will no doubt enjoy it more than any others, for they'll be receiving red packets containing good luck money, in accordance with the ancient custom. It is a great festival, but there's too much to eat, and many get indigestion or worse. I hope all of you won't be too greedy!

I wonder if you Heralders will be able to drop me a few lines and let me know how you intend to spend your holidays? In this way I'll be able to form an idea as to how each and everyone of you are doing.

I can imagine some of you will be going away for a vacation, others may be staying at home busy with their lessons; while others may be going to the pictures or shopping with Mum, or to a football game with Dad. There are a lot of things one can do, and we find the holidays far too short. Don't you think so?

Well, have a good time and "Fu Show Kang Ning!", a Chinese greeting which means Blessing of Happiness, Long Life, Good Health, and Peace!

Happy days to you all, from,

Auntie Vee

How I Met A Lion

One day as I was walking along with my friend in the woods, I told her a story of a lion. My friend asked me, "Is there any lion in this forest?" I said "I hope not," but felt rather nervous, and decide to go home.

But before we could do so, we heard a noise, my friend screamed and on a tree we saw a lion. He was making ready to jump on us. We tried to run away but we were so frightened that we could not move. We were at the mercy of the lion, but suddenly we heard a gun-shot, and we saw the lion fall down from the tree on the ground dead.

We thanked the hunter who saved our lives, and he explained and told us that the lion had just escaped from the zoo.

Honour certificate to Vivian Litton, aged 11 of 23 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong.

A FEARFUL NIGHT

One night I was left at home all alone with some of the servants, for my mother, sister and brothers went to see a movie.

I went to bath before bed. When I was in bed, after a while I heard a sound coming from the bath-room. The sound was funny, I heard the noise of the soap-box falling right down, so I was naturally very frightened. Some footsteps were heard up and down the stairs, and I imagined they must be those of a thief, or a ghost, then the sound became louder, and louder. This made me so frightened that I quickly covered my blankets over my face.

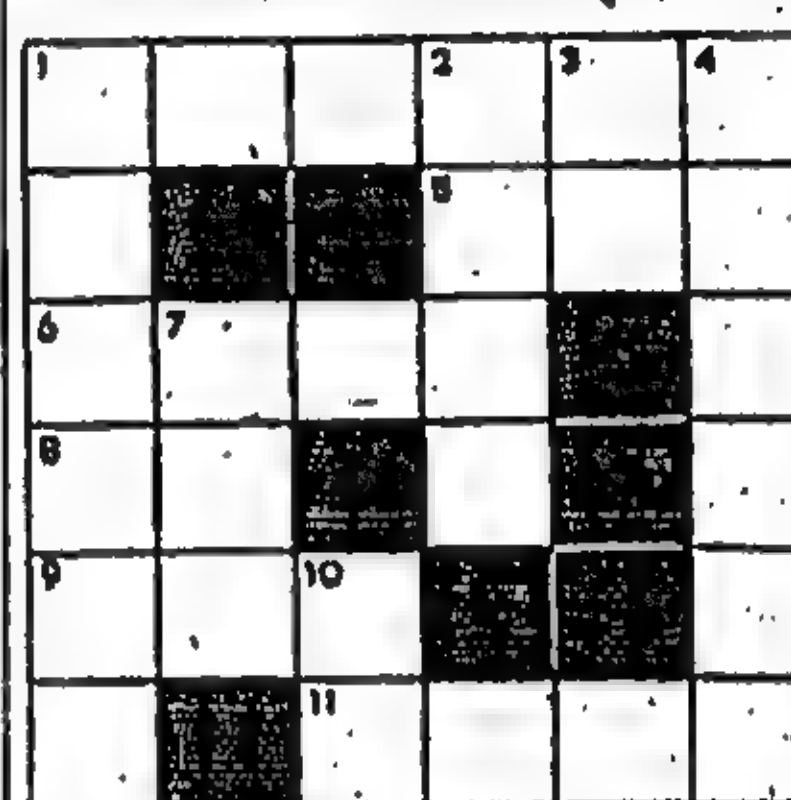
The sound became still louder and I started to scream. I screamed and screamed until my servants heard me and came to see what was the matter.

They asked me what had happened and I told them everything. Quickly they went to look for the cause.

After a while they came back to me and said that there was a rat nibbling the soap, and the cat ran to catch it and so the naughty rat ran up and down the stairs with the cat chasing it. So, that was the noise I heard, and really what a fearful night it was to me.

Honour certificate to Annie Chan, aged 13 of 7 Norfolk Road, Kowloon Tong.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Many of you wrote in and asked if you could have another crossword competition. Of course you can!

This week's competition will be a little harder than the ones you've been having.

Here is an empty crossword puzzle and there are no clues to tell you what words to fill in.

I want you to make up a crossword puzzle yourself. You can use any word or words you like and write your own clues, but it must be words connected with flowers.

You can put flowers' names in the empty crossword, also words like stamen, stigma, bud, petal etc., etc. In fact put anything you like as long as it has something to do with flowers. Be sure the words are obvious.

When you have finished your puzzle and written out the clues, send it to me, Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

Enclose this slip with your entry and mark the left hand corner of your envelope "Crossword Competition."

Post it as soon as you have finished, for you never know, you might be lucky this time.

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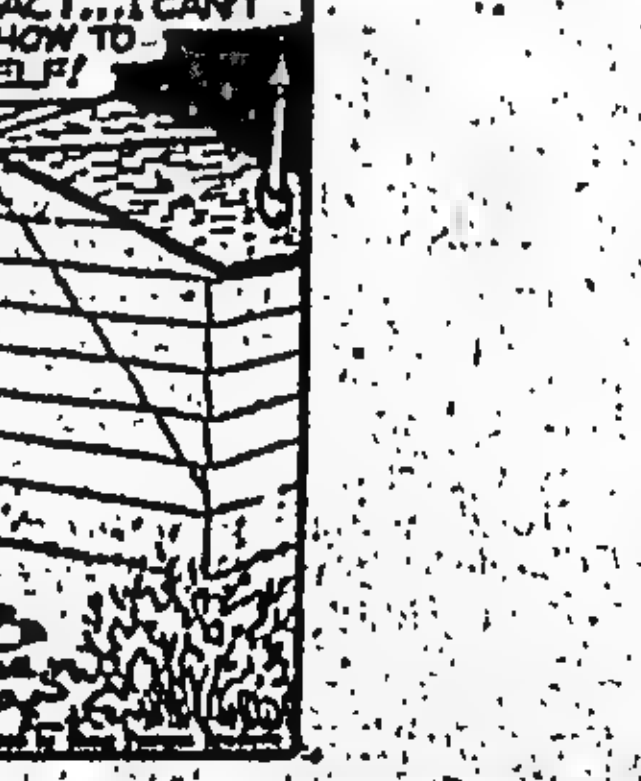
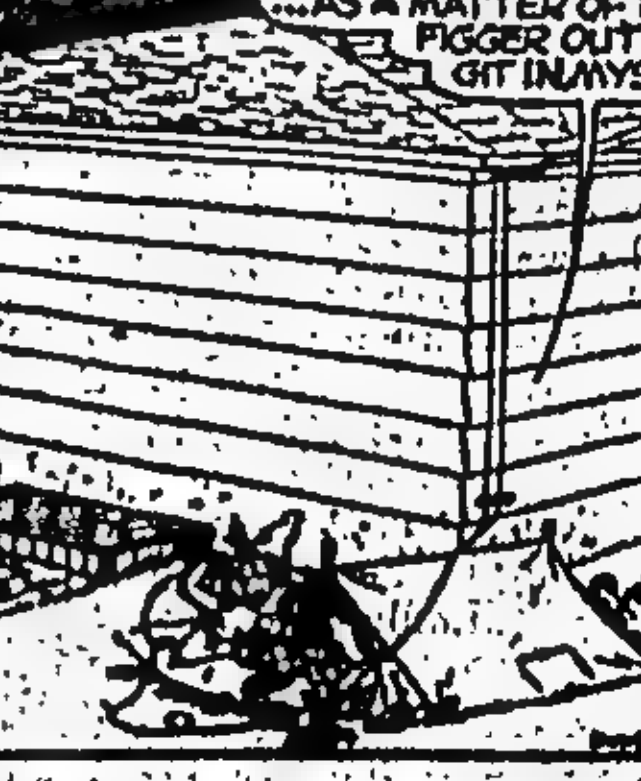
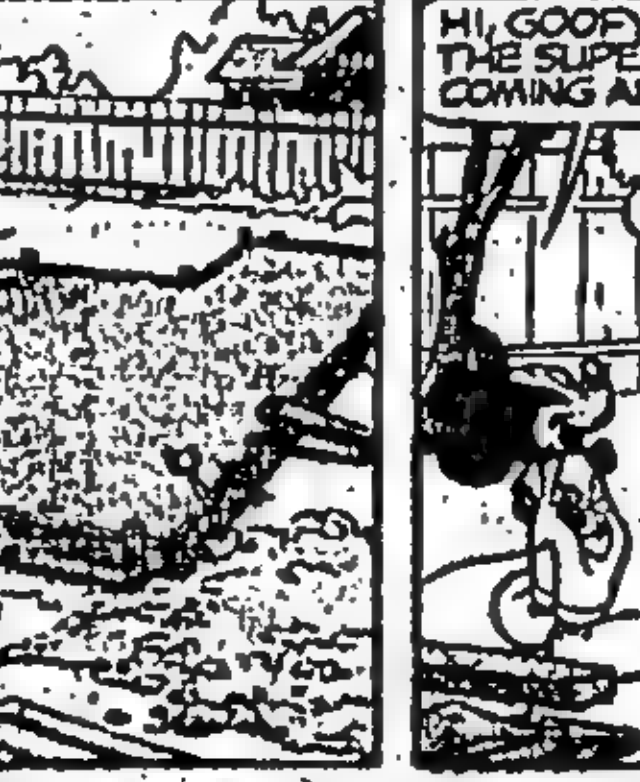
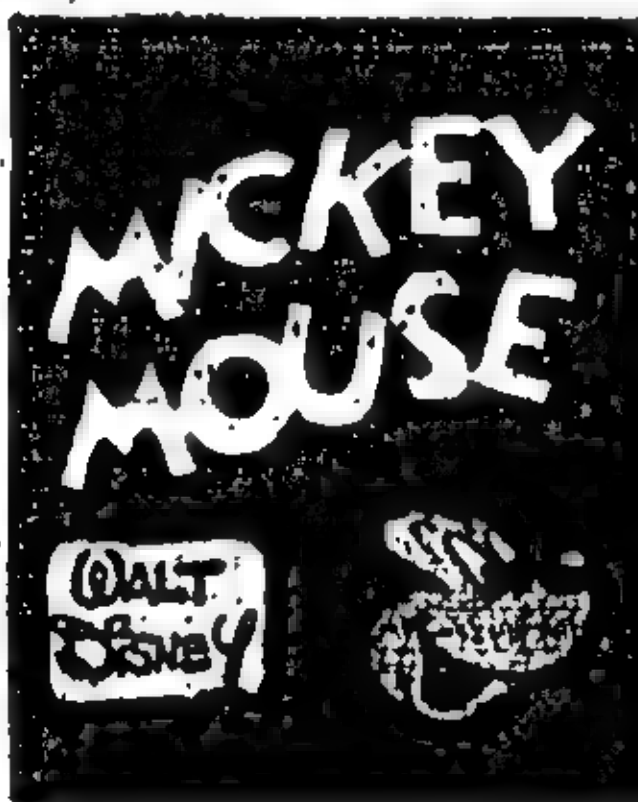
Washing The Negro

There was once a rich man who had many slaves. They had to wait on him, cook his food and keep his house clean and tidy.

One day a friend sent him a new slave who was a negro with very black skin. The master had never seen a negro before. "What a dirty boy!" he cried. "Slaves, put him into a tub of water and scrub him, until he's clean." They scrubbed and scrubbed him, but of course they could not make him white. As for the poor negro, he caught a bad cold in the bath, and died a few days later.

Don't you think it was a sad affair?

Honour certificate to Arthur Hamid, aged 13, of 114 Tung Lo Wan Road (2nd fl.) Hong Kong.



Comrades of the Legion

by Angus MacDonald

The Arabs were quick to spy the fugitives, and it was with bullets whistling viciously about their ears and kicking spurts of dust around their feet that John Cavendish and his companions raced for the Fort.

Sooner or later they must have been struck down or intercepted; but all at once there came a blast of rifle-fire from the French stronghold—a crashing volley that swept the foremost of the desert warriors from their mounts and brought the rest to an uncertain halt.

The fusillade from Fort Miribel was the prelude to a continuous roll of musketry as the Legionnaires manning the embrasures reloaded and fired again and again. Under cover of that musketry Cavendish, Hefflin and the two children reached the shelter of the military post, the solid gates closing behind them as they entered.

Meanwhile, the Arabs had turned aside to throw a cordon round the Fort, and to dismount and dig-in.

From hollows that they made in the sand they answered the fire of the garrison; and it was as the duel finally slackened into a desultory exchange of shots that a worried-looking young officer descended from a kind of gallery which was built around the inner side of the Fort's walls and which served as a firing platform.

He was Captain Andre Santerro, commanding officer at Fort Miribel, and he spoke to Cavendish in faultless English.

"I am glad you and the children reached us safely," she declared. "I would have sent more men to escort you in, but I am desperately short-handed here and had to organise the defence of the post without delay."

"I fancy this Touareg chieftain, Abd-el-Hussain, must have learned of the outbreak of sickness that has so weakened us here," he added. "I think, too, that somehow it has leaked out that great quantities of ammunition and other supplies have been stored here, and that Fort Miribel was to be used as a base for a powerful expedition which the High Command of French North Africa intended to launch against his territory in a few weeks' time. In short, my belief is that Abd-el-

Hussain is seeking to forestall that campaign by overwhelming Miribel and seizing the advance supplies that have been lodged in it."

Cavendish regarded him solemnly. "What are your chances of holding out?" he asked.

"Slender," was the terse reply. "We are undermanned, under-officered. The Touaregs outnumber us by at least six to one, and Abd-el-Hussain is a skilful and cunning commander."

It was then that John Cavendish made an admission and an offer that caused Simon and Mary to exchange a poignant glance.

They remembered all too clearly that frayed newspaper-cutting which had so shocked them a little while before.

"Captain Santerro," they heard their father say, "you have mentioned that you are not only undermanned, but under-officered."

"That is so, M'sieu. My junior officers fell sick one after the other and are in hospital at Gharbaya with some 30 per cent. of the rank and file. And it has not been possible for Headquarters to send replacements as yet."

"Then since I am here, let me at least volunteer my services," Cavendish proposed. "I speak French fluently. What is even more important, I have had considerable military experience. I shall be pleased to place myself under your orders, Captain Santerro. And, by way of recommending myself as one well-suited to help you in your command, I tell you now that I once held the rank of Major in the British Army."

(To Be Continued)

WHO AM I?

H is for home but not for dome;
O is for ought but not for nought.

N is for nice but not for prize.
G is for gate but not for plate.
K is for king but not for ring.
O is for odd but not for sought.
N is for name but not for shame.
G is for garden but not for sergeant.

Put them together, what do they spell?
Answer: Hong Kong.
Honour certificate to Eduardo Lima, of 26 Parkes Street, Top floor Kowloon.

World Spotlight

CHILDREN PREFERRED

The Australian Government have decided that British children are more desirable and valuable emigrants even than skilled British tradesmen.

They have sent to the Home Office, in London, a plan under which British orphans could be adopted in large numbers.

45,000 FISH—1 COBRA
We have just heard of a man who swapped some gold-fish for a live King Cobra snake. It cost him 45,000 gold-fish, but the King Cobra is nearly five yards long and is the finest in Europe.

The man is a fat, smiling Italian big-game hunter and animal trainer, Angelo Lombardi, at present in Trieste with his travelling zoo.

The Italian Government have given Lombardi the job of restocking Rome's zoo.

Trouble is wild animals cost precious foreign currency, especially dollars, which the Italian Government will not allow Lombardi to spend.

But the home of gold-fish is in Italy, at Ferrara. Hundreds of thousands of them breed there. So Lombardi swaps gold-fish with other nations in exchange for wild animals.

WORD WISDOM Triangles Winners

Alderman (awiderman); in English and American cities and boroughs a magistrate, next in dignity to the mayor; also, in Great Britain, certain members of county councils elected by those bodies.

Machete (machtetay); a large heavy knife used by the inhabitants of South America for cutting through forests, etc.

Meager (meejer); thin; scanty; poor; barren; lean; weak.

Potation (potation); a draught or drink.

Smalt (smawlt); a deep blue pigment.

Yule (yool); Christmas.

Yutu (yutu); the Peruvian tinamou bird.

Incite (insite); to move to action; stir up; spur on; encourage; impel.

Illude (illud) to mock, or deceive.

Jorum (jorum) a large drinking bowl.

First prize of \$10 goes to Henry Chan of 7 Li Yuen Street West, 2nd floor, Hong Kong; second prize of \$7 goes to Law Ping Shue of 27 Caroline Hill Road, 1st floor, Hong Kong; and third prize of \$5 goes to Becky Rubin of Peninsula Hotel, Room 210, Kowloon.

Consolation prizes have been awarded to Jessie Childs of 45, Chungking Arcade, Kowloon; Jennifer Tuck of 2 Cox's Path, Kowloon; and Eileen Millwood of 50, Jubilee Buildings, Sham Shui Po. Congratulations to you all for your very good work.

The two best entries will be printed in next week's "Children's Herald."

"Has your young brother learned to talk yet?"

"Oh, yes. We're teaching him to keep quiet now."

Sort Out These Jumbled Words

Puzzle out the different animals. For answers turn the page upside down.

(1) Itegr Ube, (2) Paclatnh, (3) Irafgef, (4) Usatmypooh, (5) Bbaono, (6) Dknoye, (7) Aackjas, (8) Ufmoab, (9) Leacem, (10) Hrnlecosur.

Jumbled Words Answers

Beaver, Buffalo, Camel, Rhinoceros, Hippopotamus, Baboon, Donkey, Tiger, Gnu, Elephant, Giraffe.

Honour certificate to Robert Medina, aged 13, of 21 Bowrington Road, Hong Kong.



LIFE OF A 10 CENT NOTE

Once upon a time I was as new as can be, and I lived in a rich lady's purse.

One day my mistress had some guests coming to her place for tea. So she sent her maid to a cake shop to buy some cakes for the visitors. Now the lady gave the maid the money and I was in the maid's hand.

The maid then went to the cake shop and bought some buns that the lady had ordered. The maid gave the shopkeeper the money, which amounted to \$1.40 and I was among the 40 cents.

She then took the buns and went home. Next day a boy came to the shop and bought one pound of bread. It was 40 cents, but the boy had only a dollar, so he gave the dollar to the shopkeeper and had some change back. Again I was one of the 10 cent notes.

Now the little boy is very careless, and he dropped me as he was going home, and I was dirty and torn into two bits, which made me no longer new and no one wanted me.

It was the end of me. Honour certificate to Christina Polatchkoff of Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, Hong Kong.

In The Mailbag

RUSTY RILEY

By Frank Godwin

SAMUEL SAMY, I would be glad to receive that story you mentioned in your letter. It sounds very interesting and I think the children will like it.

ALICIA YUEN GARCIA, I sent you your certificate long ago. You should have received it. Anyway, if you still haven't write and let me know and I'll send you another one.

ROY SADICK, to become a member of the H.C.C. just let me have your age, birthday, address and hobbies and a photo. Then a certificate will be sent to you, which will make you a Member.

ISAAC KO, If you want to write to the Teen Age Editor, just address The Editor, Teen Age Topics, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

H.C.C. Members

NAME: Susanna Rosemary Murray.
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AGE: Nine.
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AGE: 13.
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AGE: 14.
HOBBIES: Collecting sport magazines and stamps.

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AGE: Eight.
HOBBIES: Gardening—flowers, cactus, ferns, and collecting stamps.

NAME: Geraldo Noronha.
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AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Stamp collecting.

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AGE: SEVEN.
HOBBIES: Drawing, carpentry, and swimming.

NAME: Robert Olaca.
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AGE: 11.
HOBBIES: Comics and hiking.

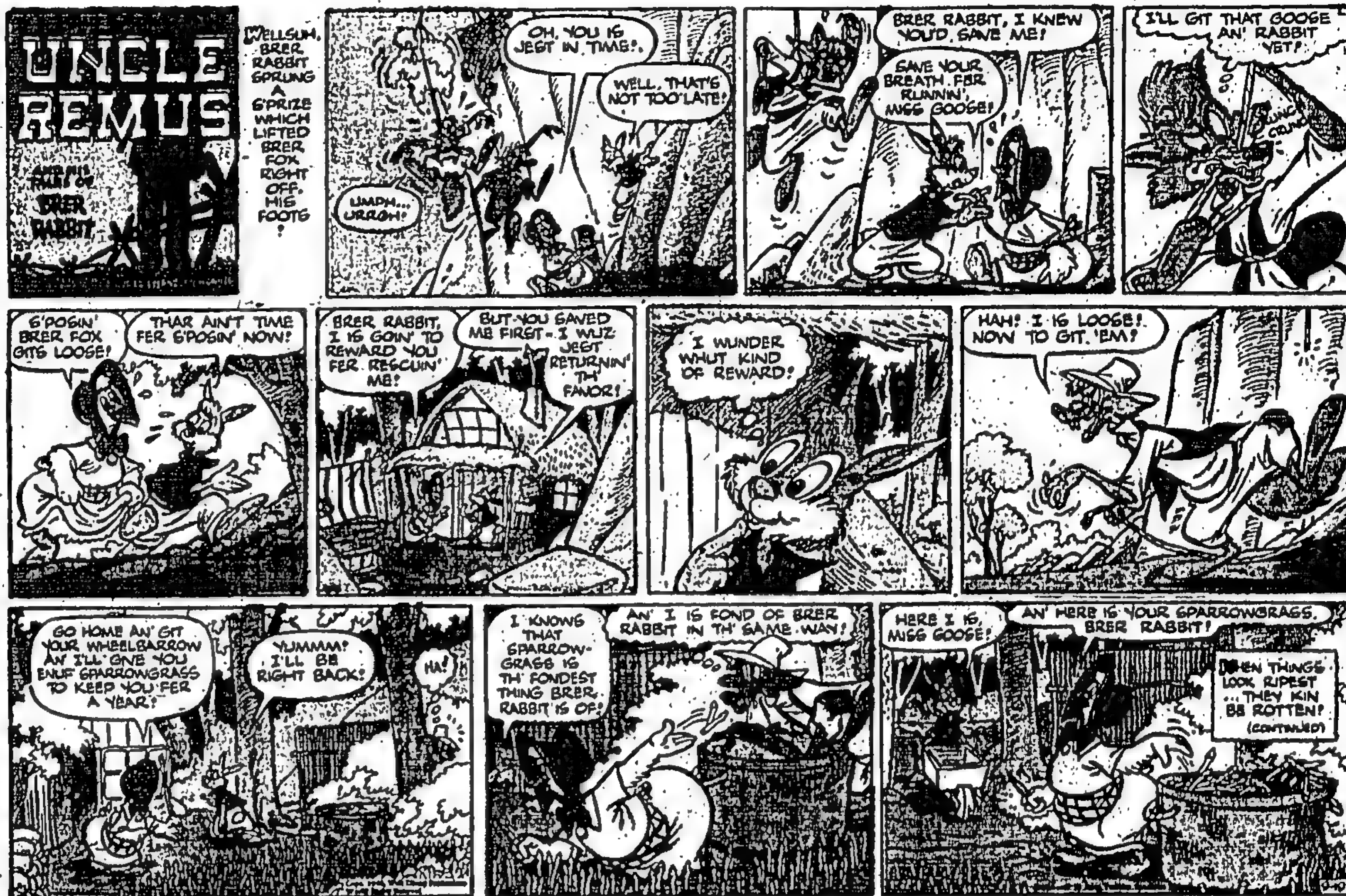
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AGE: 14.
HOBBIES: Collecting film stars' photos.

NAME: Charlie Patrick Olsson.
ADDRESS: 8, Village Road, (ground fl.), Happy Valley.
AGE: 12.
HOBBIES: Stamp collecting, bottle tops, and cigarette boxes.

NAME: Ralph Pedruco.
ADDRESS: Talkoo Sugar Refinery.
AGE: 16.
HOBBIES: Stamp collecting, horse-riding, swimming, tennis, running, badminton and baseball.

NAME: Cynthia Poole.
ADDRESS: 17, Austin Ave, Kowloon.
AGE: 14.
HOBBIES: Drawing, collecting film stars' pictures and stamps.





NO MORE LIES

Betty was a dear little girl, so sweet and beautiful that every body loved her. They loved her charming ways, but there was one bad thing about her, and that was telling lies.

She would blame her brother if she had done wrong herself, or blame the dog, but as her mother was wise, she knew it was Betty. But Betty would not owned up and Mamma made her stand in the corner and told her to sit on a hard chair for a while. She also talked to her by the hour, telling her how very wicked it was to tell a lie; but nothing seemed to make any difference, so Mamma made up her mind that the very next time it happened she would try some other plan.

One day, mother was out in the garden looking at the flower beds, and there was something strange about it. "I wonder why all those flowers are lying on the ground?" she said to herself. "And the stems are all left behind."

"Betty," she said solemnly, "did you pick all these flowers?"

"Why no mother," she said, "maybe it was Fido, or Tommy; they were playing in the garden yesterday."

Now mother knew perfectly well that it was Betty, so she said to Betty, "I think we will go in now."

"Are we going to have our supper now?" asked Betty.

"Yes," replied mother.

"May I have my milk in my nice comfortable chair?" "Not this evening," replied mother. "Why?" asked Betty. "Because the chair won't want to let any girls who tell lies to sit on her."

Betty was silent for a while. Then she asked, "May I have some butter on my bread?" "I'm sorry," said mother, but the butter just won't come out of the cupboard. "Why?" asked Betty again. "You know why," said mother.

There was another long silence. "Then may I have a piece of cake?" "I'm afraid not, for the cake says that it likes to be eaten only by good girls who tell the truth."

A tear began to trickle down Betty's cheek, all her little world seemed to be standing still, all the nice things that had always happened so regularly had stopped happening.

"It's bedtime now, run along upstairs," said mother. "Am I going to get a story tonight?" "Not tonight, dear," replied mother. This was really too much, the tears began to flow like two great rivers.

Then she said, "I picked the flowers mother, 'I'm sorry and I won't ever tell you any more lies.' And she really kept her promise. Honour certificate to Winnie Read of 23 Lock Road, 3rd floor, Kowloon."

RIDDLES

Why is the letter G like the sun?

Answer: Because it is so bright.

What is the difference between a sailor in jail and a blind man?

Answer: The sailor can see the light.

What business never progresses even if it prospers?

Answer: The business of a liar.

What kind of tables do we cook and eat?

Answer: The tables of a liar.

What is the difference between weather when it is slightly foggy and a gentleman?

Answer: The weather can be seen.

What is that which occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, but not once in a year?

Answer: The letter 'M'.

What is that which you must keep after you have given it to somebody?

Answer: Your word.

Birthday Greetings

NANA RODRIGUES of 14, Hillwood Road, Kowloon will be 14 years old today.

On January 24, SUSANNA ROSEMARY MURRAY of 123, Boundary Street, Kowloon will be 10 years old.

On January 26, GORDON WONG of 8, To Lee Terrace, 2nd fl., Hong Kong, will be 13 years old.

On January 28, ELAINE GERRETT of Melbourne Hotel, Room 318, Kowloon, will be 12 years old. A very Happy Birthday indeed to you all.

Jumbled Words

Most of you are studying Chemistry in school. So let's have a try and see how many can name all the elements listed below.

(1) Onrga, (2) Rabnec, (3) Pccorp, (4) Mslonuang, (5) Engntor, (6) Lvisrc, (7) Czin, (8) NU, (9) Onno, (10) Osludm.

Jumbled Words Answers: Argon, Carbon, Copper, Magnesium, Nitrogen, Silver, Zinc, Tin, Neon, Sodium.

Honour certificate to Norbert Chan, aged 15, of 61 Sing Woo Road, 2nd floor, Hong Kong.

What letter would be of great use to a deaf woman?

Answer: The letter 'S'.

What is the first thing you do when you fall into the sea?

Answer: You stop.

Why is a king like a book?

Answer: Because he is full of wisdom.

Why is an egg like a colt?

Answer: Because it is full of holes.

A LOVELY SURPRISE

It was late in the afternoon. Mary and Jane were in their room studying their lessons. Suddenly their mother came in.

"What is it, mother?" asked Jane, for it was very unusual that their mother should come in while they were studying.

"I have some news for you my dears. I think you will like it," replied mother.

"Please tell us," said Mary rather impatiently.

"Well," said her mother, sitting down, "this is the news. Father and I have decided to go for a holiday to Perth. That is in Australia, and we are thinking of taking the two of you."

Both Mary and Jane were very excited. "When are we going?" they asked simultaneously.

"Wait," replied their mother, "don't be so excited. I think we shall be going in about a month's time, but everything has still to be arranged and packed. Now go on with your lessons. I have to go out."

They both found it very hard to pay attention to their books, and when their father came home that evening they could stand it no longer, and putting their books away, they ran down to meet him.

The days that followed were days of excitement. Both girls had to be measured for new clothes and all the packing and running about made the house seem upside down.

At last the day arrived for them to start on their voyage. Everyone was up early and last minute packing was finished. They sat down for breakfast and Mary and Jane were so excited that they could hardly eat anything. Soon the taxi came to the door and after saying "Good-bye" to the servants they got in.

Soon they had reached the wharf. The sea was calm and the sun's rays were reflected on the dancing waves. The whistle sounded. "Good-byes" were hurriedly said and then they were on board ready for a delightful voyage and holiday.

Honour certificate to Desires Ozorio, aged 12, of Kowloon Building Top floor, Hong Kong.

MERRY MOMENTS

"Dad, you're a lucky man. You won't have to buy any new school books for me; I've been left in the same class!"

"Oh, Mummy, that man's bald."

"Hush, dear, or he will hear you."

"Dad he knows it already, doesn't he?"

"You have 10 potatoes and have to divide them between three persons. What would you do?"

"Mash them!"

Visitor: Won't you walk as far as the bus stop with me, Tommy?

Tommy: I haven't time, because we're going to have dinner as soon as you go.

"How did your Mother find out you didn't really take a bath?"

"I forgot to wet the soap."

"Johnny, who were the Three Wise Men?"

"Stop, Look and Listen."

"Well, Johnny, how do you like your new teacher?"

"Not much. She doesn't know anything. Today she asked me who it was that discovered America."

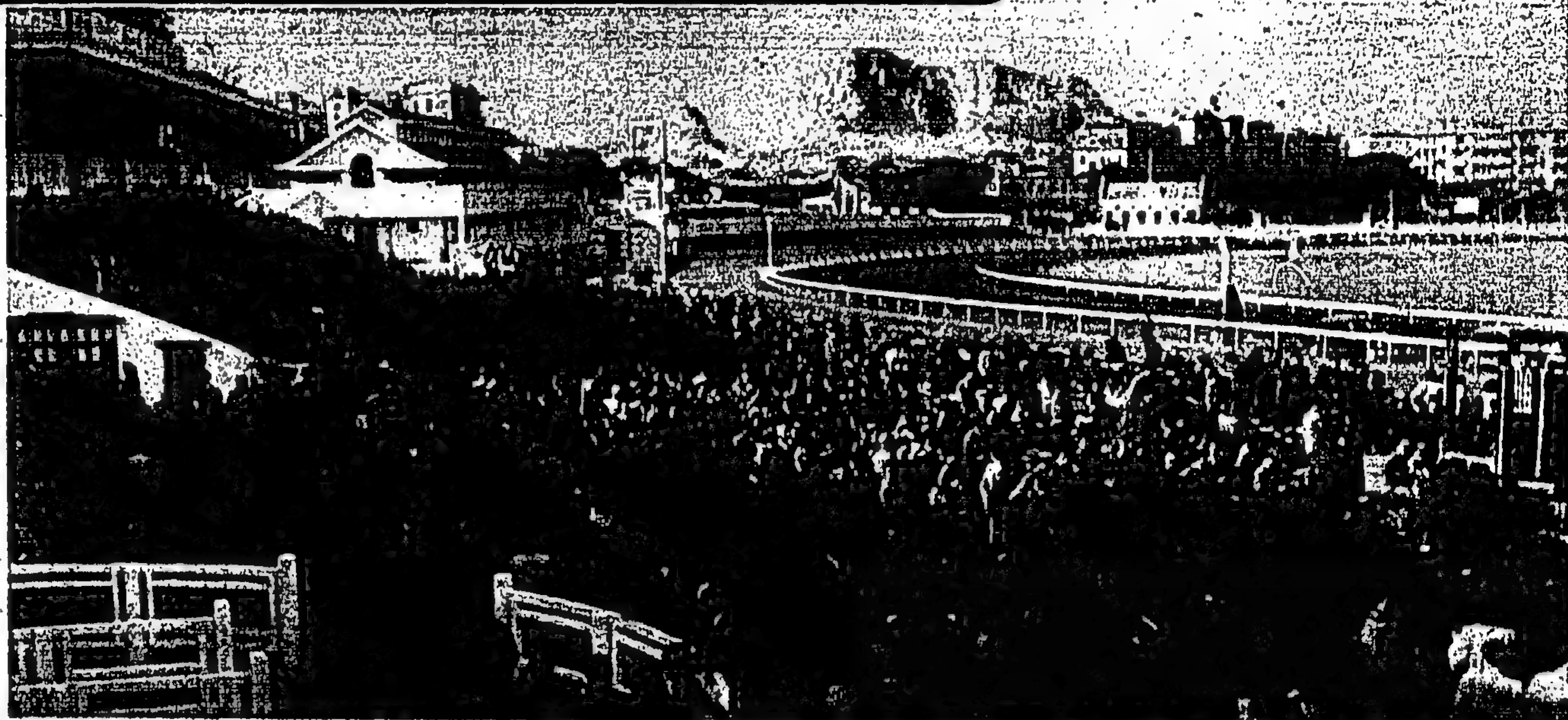
"Do they ring two bells for school?" asked a gentleman of his little niece.

"No, Uncle," was the reply, "they ring one bell twice."

Teacher: Johnny, would you like to go to heaven?

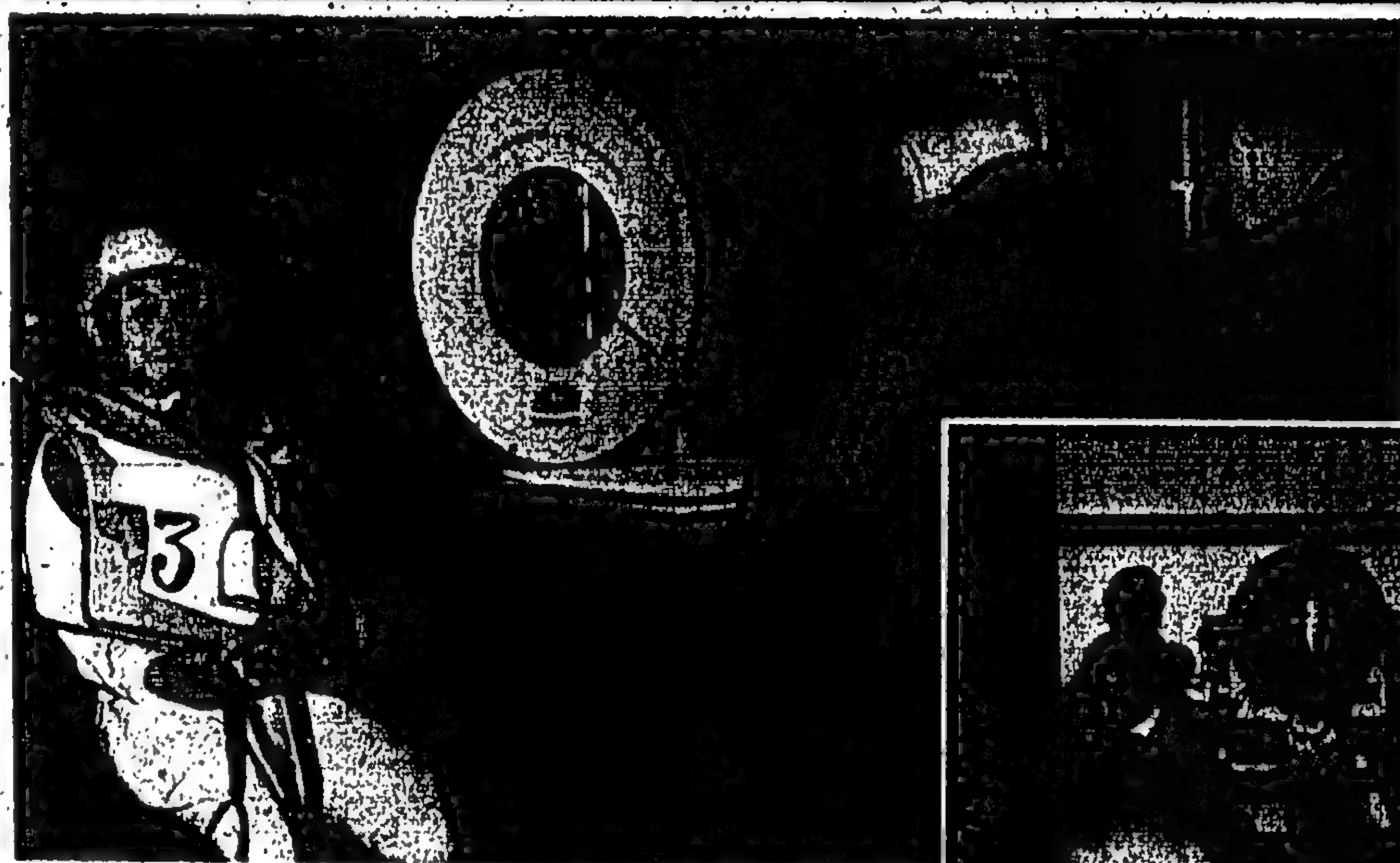
Johnny: Yes, but mother told me to come right home after school.

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DERBY DAY

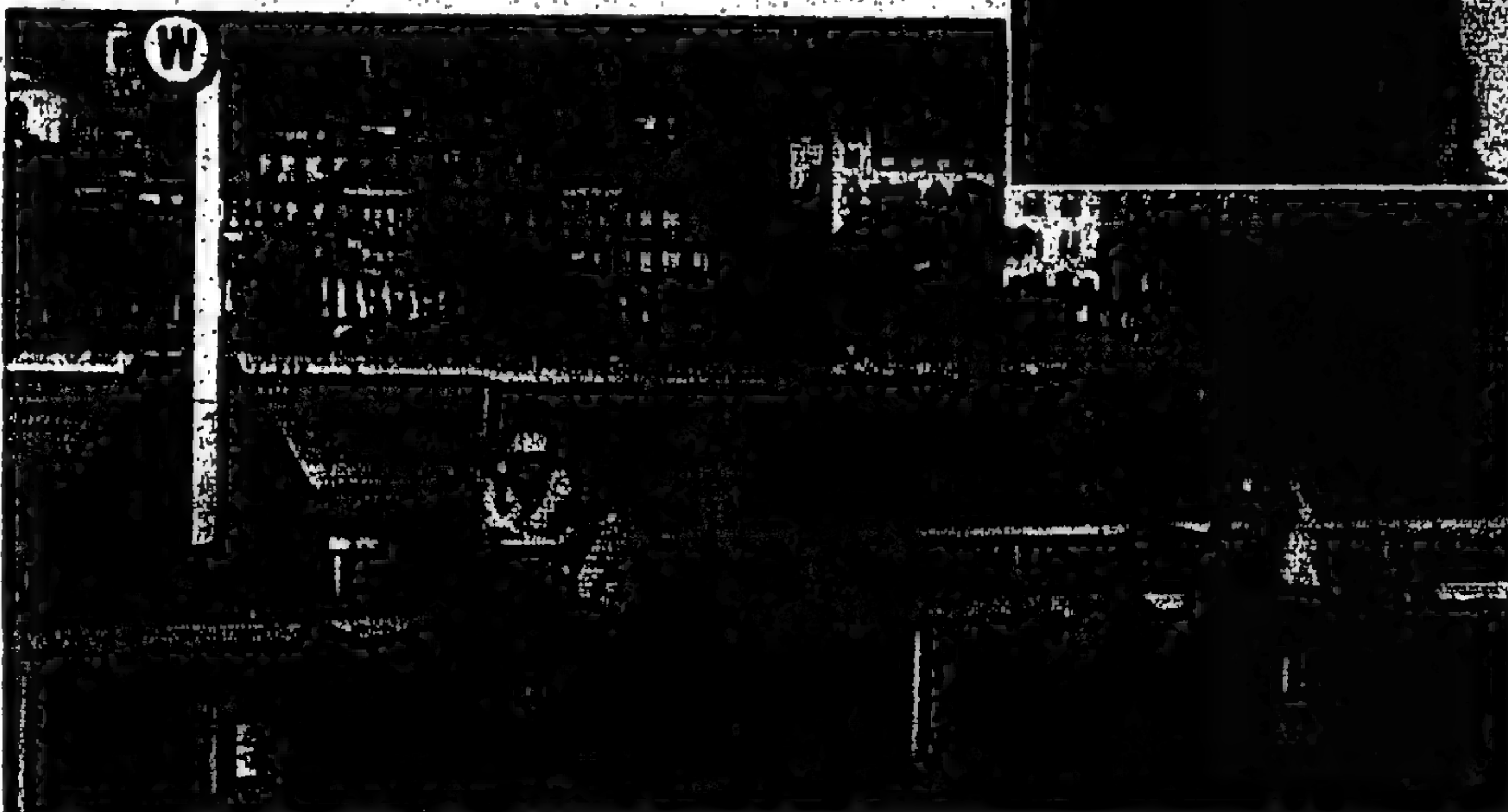
Brilliant sunshine favoured the Hong Kong Derby, and the race-course at Happy Valley was packed with hopeful crowds. Some, we hear, were lucky. ("China Mail" photo).



W. K. Shieh weighing in after winning the Hong Kong Derby on Golden Dahlia. ("China Mail" photo)



The drawing of lucky numbers in the Hong Kong Derby sweep on January 18. ("China Mail" photo).



Golden Dahlia romping in to win the local Derby. Behind can be seen Egyptian Field, with Gregory up. ("China Mail" photo)



His Excellency the Governor and Mr. James Jolly, Director of Marine, at the Marine Department annual cocktail party at the Hong Kong Club on January 14. With them are Mr. Neil Garland and Wing-Comdr. Pyle. ("China Mail" photo)



Another happy group joins in the Marine Department. ("China Mail" photo)

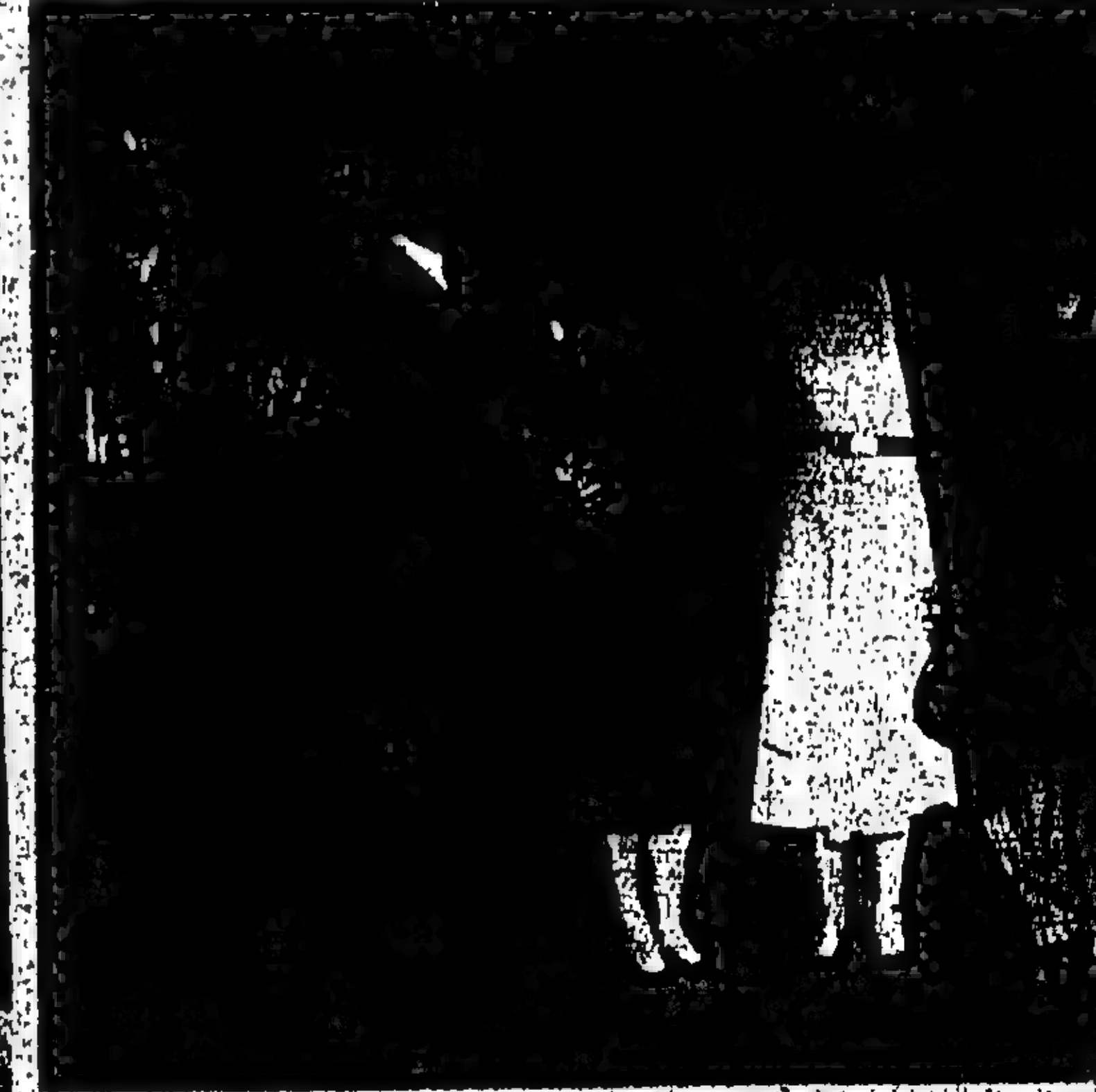


Smiling guests at the Marine Department's cocktail party. ("China Mail" photo)

The women appear to be having a good time, too. ("China Mail" photo)



Smiles and gaiety go hand in hand in this gathering. ("China Mail" photo)



A farewell toast to Director of Marine, Mr. James Jolly, on long leave last Friday. ("China Mail" photo)



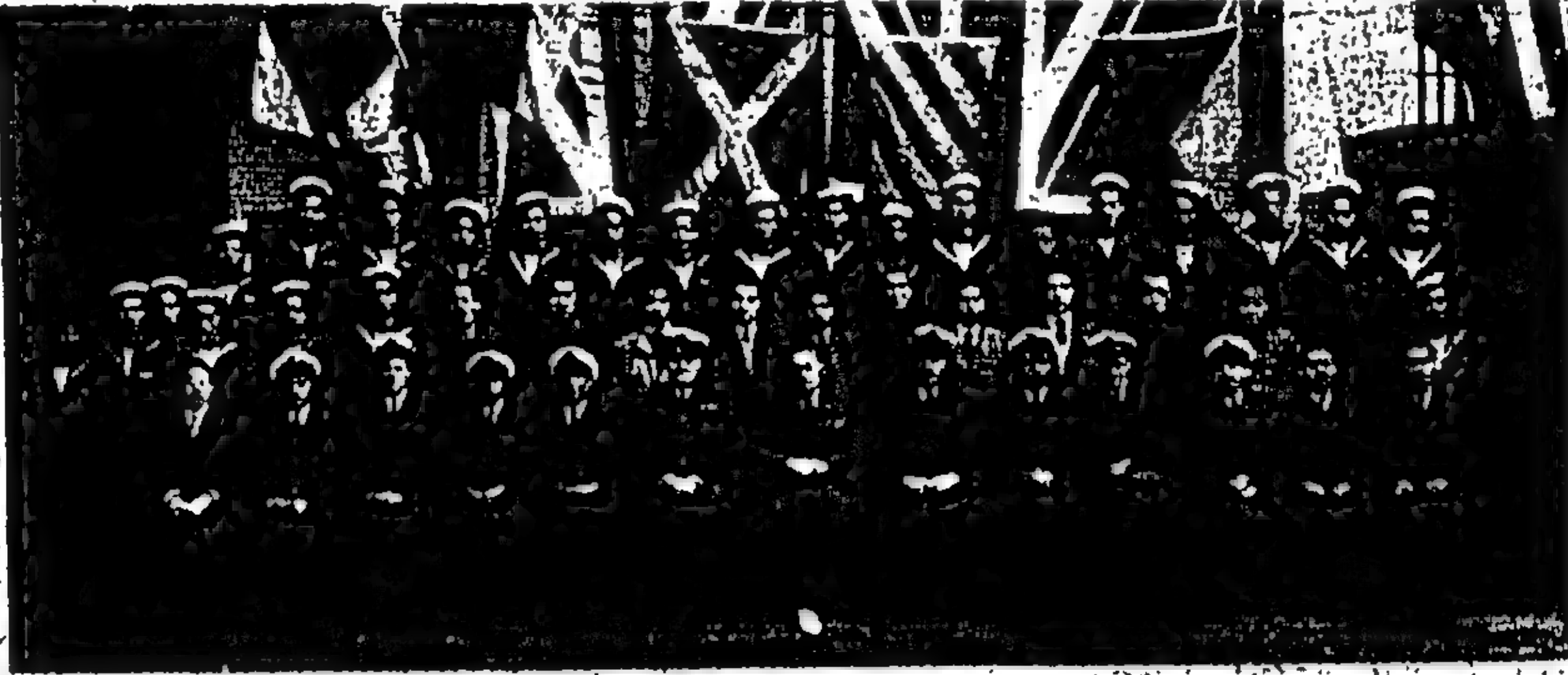
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Mr. J. Jolly in a farewell picture with the staff of the Marine Licensing Office. ("China Mail" photo)

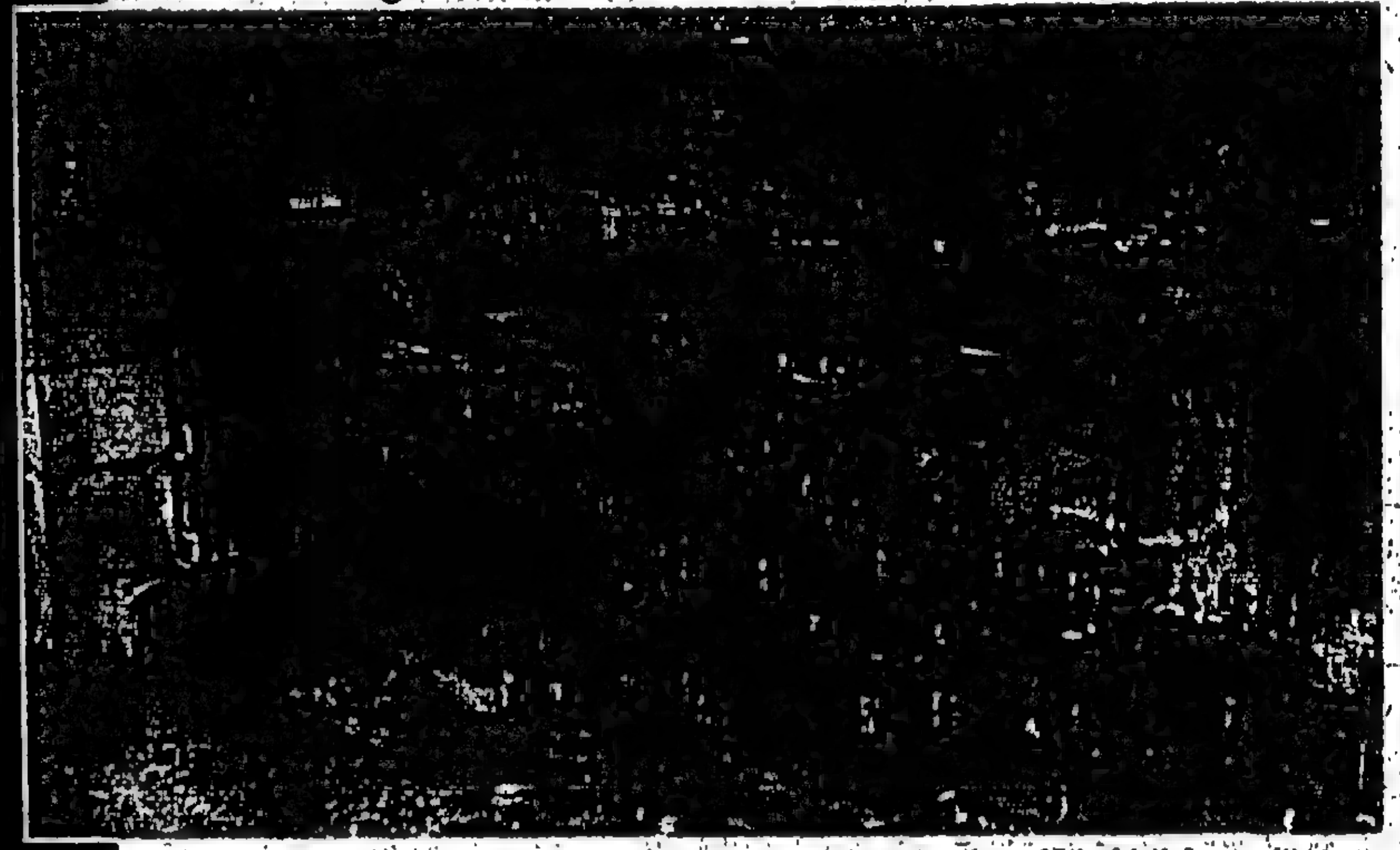


This fire destroyed five houses and more than 400 squatter huts at Po Hing Fong on January 15. ("China Mail" photo)

Debris and charred fragments after the Po Hing Fong fire. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. A. el Arcull, Hong Kong Commissioner, proudly surveys a framed message from the Chinese Corps of Jamaica. ("China Mail" photo)



Miss Lauren Clemo (fifth from left) celebrates her 17th birthday with friends. Her father, Mr. F. C. Clemo, is Manager of the China Light & Power Co., Ltd. (Ming Yuen)





The smiling bride and groom at St. Paul's Church on January 15, are Mr. Lau Yau-cheung and the former Miss Kwok Bik-yui. (Ming Yuen)



Mr. Oscar Berkett Payne and his bride, the former Miss Lavinia Cheung, at St. Margaret's Church on January 17. ("China Mail" photo)

A colourful gathering at the wedding of Mr. Tsang Pui-tan and Miss Lam Kam-ching, held at the Registrar's Office on January 15. (Ming Yuen)



Taken at St. John's Cathedral after the christening of Caroline Lynde, daughter of Inspector Thompson, on January 16. ("China Mail" photo)

Peter Earle, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cato, after the christening at St. Andrew's Church. (This photo was erroneously identified last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Summers).



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IMPORTANT MEDICAL DISCOVERY

Britain is to lay before the scientists of other nations details of a new cure for sleeping sickness in cattle caused by the tsetse fly in Africa.

This remarkable discovery, which may well revolutionise farming in that continent, was announced by the Colonial Office three weeks ago. It was made by a team of British scientists following four years of research in

Britain and the tropical areas of Africa.

Experts in Britain are to meet others from France, Belgium, Portugal, Southern Rhodesia and South Africa at the Colonial Office in London next month. These nations are each sending two representatives to this meeting of the International Scientific Committee for trypanosomiasis research. They will also be accompanied by advisers and observers.

The formula for this important new drug, called Antrycide, will be shared with all interested governments. Details will also be published in scientific journals next month.

The drug has been described as a definite cure for all forms of trypanosomiasis found not only in cattle but also in horses, camels and other animals.

Antrycide is only one of several important medical discoveries made in Britain during the past year. Another new drug has been found which is effective against the jungle disease known as scrubtyphus. This also opens up new possibilities for controlling other diseases caused by various forms of virus.

A further notable piece of research has been the isolation of an element in liver which counteracts pernicious anaemia.

Health Page CAN THE 'FLU BE CURED?

The influenza wave now sweeping Italy and France is being watched with intense interest by scientists working at Hampstead, London, where the headquarters of a world search for a cure for influenza have been established.

While the outbreaks on the Continent are being studied closely, there is no undue anxiety that the 'flu wave will spread to England. Epidemics of influenza in this country coincide much more with outbreaks in the United States and Canada than with those on the Continent of Europe.

Into the National Institute of Medical Research at Mount Vernon, on the edge of Hampstead Heath, Dr. C. H. Andrewes, who is in charge of the laboratories set up by the World Health Organisation to find out the causes of and the cures for influenza, is receiving samples of the influenza virus and news about epidemics of the disease from every part of the world.

"As well as receiving the strains for study," Dr. Andrewes told me, "we shall send out for tests and comparison to research laboratories all over the world viruses A and B. They are the two main sources of influenza."

After 16 years of continuous research into the disease which lays off more people from work than any other bar one in Britain—the main scourge is the rheumatic-fibrositis group of illness—Dr. Andrewes and his colleagues confess that it has not yet been fully established whether influenza is epidemic or endemic in Britain.

"We know that the greatest incidence of the complaint is from December to February," he said. "We do not know positively whether the virus is about in latent form, in the summer. The last epidemic was in the late winter of 1947."

As with all scientists, Dr. Andrewes is modest and cautious as to the progress which has been made at the World Influenza Centre at Mount Vernon. "We are still out to acquire information. We have neither the knowledge nor the authority to stop the spread of influenza epidemics."

"Whether or not the influenza virus is migratory, only close international co-operation on research," said Dr. Andrewes, "can hope to succeed in fighting the epidemics of the disease."

Early last month a quarter of the population of Rome was down with 'flu.

In Paris there is a severe epidemic of influenza B—the mild type which ravaged Rome: 600,000 people are down with it—and it is rapidly spreading North to Normandy.

But there are no signs of the epidemic spreading to England at present. In the week ended January 1, 29 people died of influenza, and the average for December was 27 deaths a week. During the 'flu wave in November 1943 1,184 died during the peak week.

Last year 'flu deaths in the cities and towns of England and Wales reached an all-time low. Almost all 'flu deaths are old people.

J. B. B.

TRUE NATURE OF LOVE

Is love physical attraction? Is it how another person makes you feel? Is it "liking the same things"—or even needing the other person? November Reader's Digest brings you a condensation from F. Alexander Magoun's widely read book, "Love and Marriage." Read what love (the most powerful force in the world) really consists of... and how common misconceptions about it can bring heartache into any marriage. Get your Reader's Digest today.

Also in Reader's Digest

"Do the thing you fear." Afraid to make a speech? Does your voice quaver, throat dry up? That's natural, says Dale Carnegie. Read how the man who's taught thousands to speak stumbled on the secret of conquering fear... and his five rules for making anyone an adequate speaker. (Condensed from *Your Life*).

Wind, sand and movie stars. Jail prisoners are taken out to all meals; Sinatra has a piano-shaped swimming pool; a hotel room costs up to \$87 a day. Description of eye-popping Palm Springs, Calif., where movie stars relax in bejeweled dark glasses—and as little else as the law allows. (Condensed from *Harper's Magazine*).

22-page condensation from "Wine, Women and Words." Billy Rose has been speed-champ steno, big-time song writer, famed night club boss, one of our great showmen—and now turns out a widely read newspaper column. Here he frankly and amusingly tells his meteoric life story; from grinding poverty to careful wealth.

Still want to blow your top? It's only normal to get angry (in fact, it's a basic animal impulse)—but finding safe and sane outlets for anger can spare you unhappiness, even illness. Greer Williams tells what happens to you physically when angered... gives sound advice on the best ways to let off steam. (Condensed from *Better Homes and Gardens*).

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9.00 p.m. to 10.15 p.m.	15.22 metres	15.22 metres
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1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	15.22 metres	15.22 metres
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4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	15.22 metres	15.22 metres
6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.	15.22 metres	15.22 metres

News Bulletins are broadcast at 9.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12.15 p.m. (dictation speed), 2.00 p.m., 3.00 p.m., 4.00 p.m., 5.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m., 11.00 p.m., 12.00 p.m., on the wavelengths indicated above.
Holders of news broadcasts from the BBC in London, as well as other English-language programmes, can be heard by listeners over the following stations—

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News relay may be heard at the following times: 7.00 p.m. and 12.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and also at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday on the wavelengths indicated above.

RADIO SINGAPORE		
44.31 metres	25.575 metres	44.31 metres
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Programme News

'WORK AND WORSHIP'
In future, 'Work and Worship' a programme for workers in the mission field will be broadcast at 8.45 p.m. GMT instead of 1.30 p.m. The reason for this is that, although this programme has in the past been directed almost solely to the mission fields in Africa, the BBC has had evidence that the programme has been heard and enjoyed by missionaries in India and Ceylon. The time of broadcasting has, therefore, been changed so as to open the programme to a much wider listening audience, and comments and suggestions from missionaries will be welcomed by the BBC.

'Work and Worship' is broadcast fortnightly on Fridays in the General Overseas Service. Talks, news items, or book reviews precede a short act of worship. The Rev. Allen Birtwhistle, who was himself a missionary in Nigeria, introduces the programme, and the service is conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Thorneycroft, Vicar of St. Mark's, North Audley Street, London.

THE RADIO DOCTOR
The Radio Doctor, who as Dr. Charles Hill is the well-known secretary of the British Medical Association, comes to the microphone on Sunday at 2.10 p.m. in the General Overseas Service for the BBC's overseas listeners, although for many years he has been known to British radio listeners. Some like his voice, some loathe it, but none is indifferent to it. It is rich, round, and fruity. The Radio Doctor talks to the average man and woman in language they can understand. He prides himself on his bluntness and commonsense. Apart from his commonsense and obvious practical knowledge of his subject, Hill is a good entertainer and an excellent showman who by virtue of his broad and simple sense of humour gets his points over with ease.

Sunday, January 23.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE		
A.M.	9.15	MUSICAL MEMORIES—The George Melachrino Orchestra.
11.15	RAY MARTIN—and his Orchestra.	
P.M.	12.30	MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL—Palm Court Orchestra Directed by Tom Jenkins.
1.30	SPORTS BULLETIN.	
1.45	TRANSVAAL v. M.C.C.—An eye-witness account.	
2.10	THE RADIO DOCTOR.	

B.B.C. Highlights

2.15 TIME FOR WORSHIP—from Walsall Parish Church. Staffs, conducted by the Rev. Canon A. T. Jenkins.
4.30 SUNDAY SERVICE from Walsall Parish Church. Staffs, conducted by the Rev. Canon A. T. Jenkins.
5.00 LISTENERS' CHOICE.
6.00 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.
6.15 'THREE'S COMPANY'—Dorothy Squires, Weiner, and Doucet (gramophone records).
9.15 PHILIP GREEN—and his Concert Orchestra, with Dorothea Morrow and her Golden Voices, and Joseph McNally.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 'COME TO THE PROMS'—BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent.
10.30 'THE BRAINS TRUST'—Collin Brooks, Kingsley Martin, and Wilson Harris. Question-Master: Gilbert Harding.
11.00 'GREAT EXPECTATIONS'—by Charles Dickens. Final episode: 'An End and a Beginning'.
11.15 'CAPRICE'—An entertainment with Jimmy Bailey, Bruce Trent, Barbara Sumner, Elton Hayes, and Ann Lancaster.
11.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'.

Monday, January 24.

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.
10.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME 'On Conducting Beethoven'—A conversation between H. N. Brailsford and Dr. Wilhelm Furtwängler.
A.M.
9.30 'TIP-TOP TUNES'—Gerald and his Orchestra.
P.M.
12.30 SONG AND DANCE—The Dance Orchestra Conducted by Stanley Black with Benny Lee and the George Mitchell Choir.
1.00 ROUND BRITAIN QUIZ.
2.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE.
4.00 'GREAT EXPECTATIONS'—by Charles Dickens. Final episode: 'An End and a Beginning'.
4.30 'HAVE A GO!'—The Quiz visits Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire.
5.00 LET JUSTICE BE DONE—Double Trial The Case of the Sadons Script and production by John Gough.
7.45 GENERALLY SPEAKING—A talk from the BBC Home Services.
8.15 BANDS WITHIN BANDS—The Dean Tones from Syd Dean's Orchestra.
8.30 'THE WOMEN'S PROGRAMME'.
9.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA Conducted by Ian Whyte.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 Eric Barker in 'WATERLOG SPA'.
11.15 'CAPRICE'—An entertainment with Jimmy Bailey, Bruce Trent, Barbara Sumner, Elton Hayes, and Ann Lancaster.
11.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'.

Tuesday, January 25.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.
9.15 SCIENCE REVIEW.
9.30 Kim Peacock and Marjorie Westbury in 'PAUL TEMPLE AND THE CURTAIN CASE'—A serial by Francis Durbridge. Episode 6: 'A Message for Charlie'.
10.30 'A SLIGHT CASE OF MUSIC'—between Cherry Lind and Benny Lee, accompanied by Alan Paul and Edna Hatzfeld at the pianos.
10.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'.
11.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Theatre Orchestra and Chorus Conducted by Walter Goehr Margherita Grandi (soprano). In excerpts from Verdi's 'Macbeth'.
P.M.
12.30 VARIETY BANDBOX—with Frankie Howard, Peggy Cochrane, Janet Brown, Wendford Sander.

Joan Hinde, Terry Scott, and the Henderson Twins.
1.45 TRANSVAAL v. M.C.C.—An eye-witness account.
2.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.
4.00 'MARCHING WITH THE GUARDS'—Band of the Grenadier Guards Conducted by Captain F. J. Harrell.
6.00 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME Kathleen Ferrier (contralto). (Accompanist: Frederick Stone) Song Cycle: 'Frauenliebe und Leben'—Schumann.
6.30 THE REITH LECTURES (4)—A talk by Bertrand Russell.
6.00 AMERICAN LETTER—by Alastair Cooke.
9.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
9.15 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE—BBC Variety Orchestra Conducted by Rae Jenkins with Anthony Pini (violin) and Desires Ellinger (soprano).
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 BOOKS TO READ.
10.30 'IN MY LIBRARY'—A talk by Desmond MacCarthy.

Wednesday, January 26.

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.
10.30 'THE BRAINS TRUST'—Collin Brooks, Kingsley Martin, and Wilson Harris. Question-Master: Gilbert Harding.
A.M.
9.30 'MUCH-BINDING-IN-THE-MARSH'.
10.00 THE STORYTELLER—The Stolen Bacillus, written by H. G. Wells, and read by Wyndham Goldie.
11.15 'UP THE POLE'—with Jimmy Jewel, Ben Warriss, Claude Dampier, Jon Portwee, Betty Paul, Five Smith Brothers, The Dance Orchestra, conducted by Stanley Black.
P.M.
3.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
4.30 'AUSTRALIAN RHAPSODY'—An impression in verse and music by D. G. Bridson and John Antill. This is something new in creative radio—a collaboration between poet and composer in an endeavour to present the spirit of the Australian life and scene. Produced and recorded in the Sydney Studios of the ABC. The music is conducted and recorded in the Edinburgh Studios of the BBC by the Scottish Orchestra.
6.15 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
7.15 ARTHUR BIRKBY OCTET—with Billy Mayerl (piano) and Roland Robson (baritone).
7.45 GENERALLY SPEAKING—The Right Thing to Do by F. Spencer Chapman.
9.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.45 SYDNEY LIPTON—and his Orchestra.
11.15 LAND AND LIVESTOCK—An Agricultural magazine.
11.45 COLONIAL COMMENTARY—by Professor W. M. McMillan.

Thursday, January 27.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.
10.30 BILLY MAYERL and his Music.
11.45 'THIRTY YEARS OF BRITISH JAZZ'—Presented by Hector Stewart.
P.M.
1.45 LISTENERS' CHOICE.
2.45 FOOTBALL FIXTURES.
3.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
4.00 IN BRITAIN NOW—A National Magazine.
5.00 THE MERCHANT NAVY PROGRAMME.
6.00 SCIENCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE—A talk on studying work by J. Munro Fraser.
7.15 BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA.

Conductor: Mansel Thomas Elizabeth Evans (soprano).
8.15 CELEBRITY RECITAL Ida Handel (violin) Ernest Lush (piano) Sonata in D minor—Schumann
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 BRITISH CONCERT HALL—London Symphony Orchestra Conducted and presented by Clarence Raybould A Comedy Overture Harty Suite: 'The Sea'—Frank Bridge Fantasy Overture, 'Hamlet'—Tchaikovsky
11.15 'UP THE POLE'.

Friday, January 28.

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.
10.30 THE STORYTELLER—The Stolen Bacillus, written by H. G. Wells, and read by Wyndham Goldie.
GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
10.00 'MEET THE COMMONWEALTH'.
10.30 TURNER LAYTON—Singer, Composer, and pianist, with the BBC Revue Orchestra, conductor, Frank Cantell. Introduced by Maira Man-nion.
11.15 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conducted by Victor de Sabata Symphony No. 6 in F. (Pastoral)...
P.M.
1.45 LISTENERS' CHOICE.
3.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
5.00 THE STORYTELLER—The

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8.30 CELEBRITY RECITAL Pierre Fournier (violin) Ernest Lush (piano) Sonata in F major—Brahms
6.00 THE MAKING OF A PLAY—A Frank Shelley and a theatre technician discuss with Alan Dent the importance of lighting and scenic design.

7.15 THINK ON THESE THINGS.

7.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME—'Crossing the Empty Quarter' Wilfrid Thesiger describes a 1,500-mile journey he made last winter through unknown parts of the Empty Quarter of Southern Arabia.
8.45 WORK AND WORSHIP—A programme for workers in the mission field. Including a talk by Mary Trevolyan and a short devotional service conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Thorneycroft.
9.15 TED HEATH and his Music.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.45 WORLD AFFAIRS—A survey by the Hon. Harold Nicolson.

Saturday, January 29.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.
11.15 TED HEATH—and his Orchestra.
P.M.
1.45 LISTENERS' CHOICE.
4.30 'UP THE POLE'.
5.00 'LET'S MAKE MUSIC'.
5.45 MARJORIE FEW (West Indian pianist).
6.30 'MUSICAL PATTERNS'—Rondo, an illustrated talk by Dorothy Hobben.
7.25 THE LYSENKO CONTROVERSY Speakers: S. C. Harland, C. D. Darlington, R. A. Fisher, and J. B. S. Haldane.
8.45 BILLY MAYERL and his Music.
9.15 ORCHESTRA OF THE THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE—Conductor: Reginald Burston.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 SATURDAY SPORT—including commentaries on Association Football—Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup; Australian Rugby League Team: The Third (and Final) Test Match, at Odsal Stadium, Bradford. Commentator: Harry Sunderland. (Music included during this period).

All Times Are H.K. Standard Time

NEW YEAR MONEY

By R.J. Martin

The Royal Mint is busy with the changes for this year's coins which are necessary because "Ind. Imp." is no longer part of the King's titles.

To remove six letters from the coins is a big job. On the bronze coins and on the yellow 12-sided 3d. bit the whole of the King's titles appear on the "head," but on the silver coins—as the new cupro-nickels are still known—the titles are distributed over both "head" and "tail".

A considerable rearrangement of design is therefore necessary.

Standards Up

Public interest in the lettering on our coins has increased over the past few years with the raising of the artistic standard of the coinage.

In 1922 an expert committee advised the Royal Mint on the designs of the coins and the result was seen in the new silver issue of 1927, and later in the present coins of King's George VI.

The coming revised inscriptions on the coins will be the work of an artist of repute and will have received the approval of the advisory committee.

There are people who feel that the King's titles should no longer be in Latin and that, in any case, they are too long. They claim there is dignity in a simple "GEORGE VI. KING."

This was fully considered when the present coinage was designed in 1937, but after much thought and discussion with constitutional lawyers it was decided to make no change.

A short inscription in plain English would mean the sacrifice of a good deal of history. "Fid. Def."—Defender of the Faith—would have to go.

Sixpence Change

A Royal Proclamation expressing the King's pleasure for the changes will probably be made in the very near future, and it is likely that the new coins will be struck first on January 3, 1949. If the Government contemplate any further alteration in the style and titles of the King the Proclamation might be delayed.

The only coin to be materially altered is the sixpence. The "tail" of this at present is the Imperial cipher, GRI, surmounted by the crown. It is assumed that the I will be deleted and the cipher remodelled.

To design a good coin is a rare art. A pattern which looks good in a large-scale drawing does not always reproduce well on a small coin mass-produced by the million. Although the amount of relief possible is only a tiny fraction of an inch, the details on the coin must stand out clearly and wear well in circulation.

Artists Asked

Were the relief in the design to be too bold the coins would not stack in those neat piles so loved by bank cashiers.

When the new coinage of George VI. was being considered the Royal Mint invited 12 artists to submit designs. They were given a free hand and it was hoped that some original work of real merit would result. But the Mint was disappointed. New ideas were lacking.

Mr. Kruger Gray, who designed the silver coins of 1927, was again invited to prepare another series for 1937.

One only of our coins has been designed by a woman—the 12-sided 3d. bit. It is the work of Miss Madge Kitchener. Her design was originally intended for the little silver 3d. bit so much hoarded by the thirty—hence the three sprays of thistle.

New Books

America Gasp'd, But Britain May Just Laugh

By Peter Quennell

"Is there a Mrs. Kinsey?" demands the plump, prosperous-looking but evidently much worried heroine of a cartoon in the *New Yorker*, as she gazes across their apartment at her embarrassed husband.

The book on her knee is, of course, the "Kinsey Report," or, to give the volume its proper title, *Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male*, by Alfred C. Kinsey, Wardell B. Pomeroy, and Clyde E. Martin—a remarkably massive, exceedingly heavy, and prodigiously painstaking compilation which recently bull-dozed its way into several hundred thousand North American households and, as a scientific best-seller, pulverised and obliterated every previous record.

It appears to have set all America gasping, whistling, eye-brow-raising. Today it descends upon our unsophisticated island realm.

Will it repeat its earlier triumph, or (as I prefer to believe) entirely fail to daunt us? I shall await the event with interest. But one or two important points seem worth making in the meantime.

The Dry Voice

First, the book is gigantically dull; and, as they plough through the statistical labyrinth, sensation-lovers and lovers of clear thinking may feel equally exasperated.

Here is American scholarship at its least inspired. Not a detail is allowed to escape, and every detail has the same value. You catch the murmur of a low, dry, flat, inquisitorial voice, the cold gleam of rimless spectacles, in every ponderous paragraph. The facts may be there. But what in the world do they add up to?

Secondly, are the facts there? Writers on sex seldom allow for the untrustworthiness of the average human memory. Not many human beings, even if they wish to do so, are capable of telling the whole truth about the secret of their private lives; and persons most disposed to be communicative are often most inclined to indulge in wishful fantasies.

Dr. Kinsey and his diligent team inform us that they interviewed 12,000 co-operative citizens. What possible check could they hope to keep on so vast a horde of witnesses? Exhibitionism, like hysteria, is, after all, contagious.

Wrong Approach

Thirdly, the method of approach. But on this point Geoffrey Gorer, the author of a brilliant study of modern American life, has published already some extremely telling comments.

Dr. Kinsey's approach he suggests, is quantitative, never qualitative. He is concerned with when and how often, never with why or in what emotional circumstances.

You cannot ascertain the part played by sex in civilised existence as you would ascertain, through door-to-door research, the present popularity of a certain brand of kitchen soap. Sex cannot be shorn of the emotional attributes with which modern man surrounds it; you cannot arbitrarily cut it down to fit into a statistician's pigeon-hole.

The statement that 64.8 of males between such-and-such ages, in such-and-such an "income-group," claim to have behaved in such-and-such a manner adds little to our understanding of the complex human organism, which not only struggles to reproduce itself but also thinks passionately, feels exquisitely, and, on occasions, suffers deeply.

Wrong Title

Finally, the volume is mistitled; for its subject is the behaviour, not of the human male but of the distinct American sub-species, whose habits and prejudices frequently differ from those of other sub-species, European or Asiatic. "Pet-

ting," for instance, on which Kinsey discourses at length, is a type of amatory conduct that has never taken root elsewhere.

In short—particularly when I notice that Dr. Kinsey's 800-page brain-child was printed by an English firm and must therefore, I suppose, have absorbed a substantial slice of meagre British paper-stocks—I doubt whether its journey can be considered really necessary.

It may be of use to the specialist; but sensitive members of the ordinary public will be either dazed or horrified. Elsewhere, though the effect it produces is strangely unenlightening, it will provoke to judge by my own experience, a good many explosions of hearty ribald laughter.

QUICK LOOKS

Free Admission: by Ilka Chase. (W. H. Allen, 10s. 6d.)

The author of "Past Imperfect" gives us a new volume of effervescent indiscretions.

Intelligible Heraldry, by C. and A. Lynch-Robinson. (Macdonald, 18s.)

The stately mysteries of heraldry explained in a lucid and enthusiastic manner, with many entertaining bits of incidental information.

The Unexpected Angel, by John Walney. (Collins, 8s. 6d.—Monday.)

A first novel, depicting the surprising adventures of an unconventional evangelist, who preaches that a figure of fun in Hyde Park may also be a power for good when she descends unexpectedly upon a slumbrous English village. A decidedly readable story, though the satirical touches are often somewhat heavy-handed.

ANAESTHESIA BY ELECTRICITY

Anaesthetics now used for operations may be superseded by a new electrical method of inducing artificial sleep. This method has been evolved by British scientists.

Experts at the Burden Neurological Institute in Bristol have carried out operations on animals after inducing unconsciousness by subjecting them to electrical impulses.

These impulses resemble those generated by the human brain for the purpose of producing slumber. Dr. Walter, the man in charge of the experiments, has successfully applied this new technique on himself. He said that he experienced a pleasant drowsiness.

"I did not go into a deep sleep," he said, "but when I was pinched or pricked with needles the pain was not so sharp as if I had been normally awake. The brain generates an electrical impulse when one desires sleep. It is that impulse we are striving accurately to imitate."

Complete anaesthesia was not induced during Dr. Walter's tests on himself. They indicated that research was being conducted on the right lines but showed that the exact power generated by his brain to produce sleep had not been accurately matched.

One of the great advantages of this new discovery is that a patient can be awakened immediately an operation is over. All that is required is for the surgeon to switch off the current producing the necessary electrical impulses. There is also a complete absence of the nauseating effects which usual anaesthetics cause in some patients.

The experiments are now sufficiently advanced to suggest that this electrical sleep may be safely used in the near future for minor operations and for dentistry.

Variety Fare

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Russia. Probably more than any other composer Tchaikowski has provided—either directly or by way of arrangement—a wealth of music to which the complementary art of Ballet has been successfully fused. I cannot well say "added" since ballet is complete art, music and choreography being quite inseparable.

At 10.16 p.m. there is a further interesting programme when the overture to Handel's opera "Poliem" is being given, followed by a Suite for Strings by Frank Bridge.

TUESDAY

AT 9.15 p.m. there is a live feature when Professor Harry Ore and Sitson Ma are giving a piano and violin recital from the studio. Works by Beethoven, Debussy, Rameau and Faure are being included, representative enough for even the most egregious tastes. I submit!

THURSDAY

AT 8.10 p.m. on Thursday night, another live broadcast is featured from the Studio when Julia Lee (soprano) Richard Lin (tenor) and Betty Drown (piano) are giving a joint recital. Diligent readers will have noticed here and elsewhere many references to Betty Drown's name in musical circles. Tonight she is again appearing in the role of accompanist, a branch of musical art which is far from sufficiently publicised, I feel.

Following on at 8.30 there is a performance of Chopin's Pianoforte Concerto (No. 1) in E Minor with the London Symphony Orchestra and Rubenstein as soloist.

It is curious, but nevertheless a fact that Chopin was utterly devoid of any sense of orchestration. Wherever his powers of command over the pianoforte were such as to make it a veritable orchestra in itself, he was quite unable to bring the same power to bear in the orchestral complements of his concertos. The solo he provides for the pianist however, is so tempting that these concertos of Chopin's will surely be heard so long as music itself endures. It is a pity that they do not give Chopin at his inspired best, but nevertheless they are good to hear. Rubinstein will impart full value to all that is good, as an outstanding pianist should, and the recital cannot fail to be attractive.

SATURDAY

SPACE prevents more than mere mention of the fact that today (Chinese New Year commencement) Radio Hong Kong is on the air continuously from 8 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. Listeners who feel hardly about the extra \$8 fee must in fairness, put this to the "credit" of the Balance Sheet.

General Knowledge Answers

1. Buncombe, a constituency in Carolina, whose member in Congress spoke that way.
2. Political economy.
3. George Linky—probably about 1830.
4. Edward Morgan Forster.
5. In the United States, and it carries passengers to the top of 9,200 feet Baldy Mountain in Idaho.

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Lane Norcott

Ask Your Dad

Finding myself alone recently with a 32s. 4d. bottle of gin (Tax 24s. 7d.), we fell to comparing the lots of two English citizens—our lot and the lot of Sir Stafford Cripps, who, we gather, never finds himself alone with a 32s. 4d. bottle of gin (Tax 24s. 7d.).

In a land where all citizens are said to be equal, and all hardships are claimed to be shared, should anyone become a privileged person simply because he prefers lemonade to other liquids? What particular merit is therein a liking for lemonade (or even cocoa) which entitles you to foist a large share of your taxes on to rhaps who prefer something else?

At this very moment we thought, sadly helping myself to 8d. worth of gin, plus 2s. 1d. tax) we, a poor man, are, in proportion to our income, buying more bits of battleships, clothing more soldiers, arming more sailors, housing more Wrens, supporting more State hospitals, maintaining more police, keeping more fire brigades, and contributing more to Sir Stafford Cripps salary than Sir Stafford himself, a rich man. There's Fair Shares for you!

What this country urgently needs today is a Fifth Freedom or Freedom from Puritanical State Nannies (we mused, helping ourselves to another 8d. worth of gin and providing two-thirds of a postman with one-tenth of a new hat). Give to every English citizen the inalienable right to spend his earnings on what he likes, without the imposition of crushing moral taxes. Let everybody pay his fair share of the Nation's expenditure according to his means.

However, a moment's consideration convinced us that Bedlam was just around the corner for us.

Then we went up glumly to the attic and hid in an old trunk.

A Man's Work Is Never Done

On a wet Saturday afternoon there is no better way to ingratiate yourself with the memsahibs than to turn to and polish the furniture (writes Domesticated George, tip-toeing furtively into the dining-room with his arms full of bottles and tins and an assortment of rags tucked under his chin).

First clear the decks for action by putting all breakable objects out of harm's way (advises Domesticated George, taking a treasured vase off the sideboard and tenderly putting it out of harm's way on the floor).

Dust! Dust! Dust! (mutters Domesticated George, tentatively crawling a rude word with his finger-tip on the back of a chair, and then hastily rubbing it out again with his coat sleeve). Be thou as chaste as ice, as pure as snow, thou shalt not escape calumny!

For sticky surfaces use a little scouring powder and plenty of cursed elbow grease! (cries Domesticated George, stepping back crossly to view the result and stamping on the treasured vase with his heel). Come the three corners of the world in arms, and we shall shock them!

Be advised by the voice of experience! (roars Domesticated George, hastily picking up the bits of vase and stuffing them into his pockets). Never hope to win over the memsahibs with little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love, for, as sure as Fate, they will hate you for it!

So saying, Domesticated George removed all but the most irremediable traces of his good intentions, and slunk silently away and bolted himself in the woodshed. When asked what new mischief he was up to inside there, he replied briefly that he was building himself a horseless tumble.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1949.

Over to You

NEWS QUIZ

1. The American Secretary of the Navy predicted that another war would experience underwater battles between super-submarines. Who is the Navy Secretary?
2. Elliot Passage, a stretch of the Pearl River between Hong Kong and Canton was opened to steamer traffic for the first time since 1840. How far is Elliot Reach from Canton?
3. What pony won the P. and O. Cup at the Racecourse on Monday?
4. In connection with the peace overtures in China, M. Molotov had a talk with the Chinese Ambassador in Moscow and declined to offer Russia's mediation. Who is China's envoy in the Soviet capital?
5. An Asian Conference of the International Labour Organisation is to be held next year. It was originally fixed for China but a venue has been suggested. This time, where?
6. In the discussions on European Unity in Paris, Dr. Hugh Dalton recommended a famous town in Alsace as the seat of the proposed "Council of Europe." Do you remember its name?
7. Mr. Arthur Henderson vigorously supported in Parliament British

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

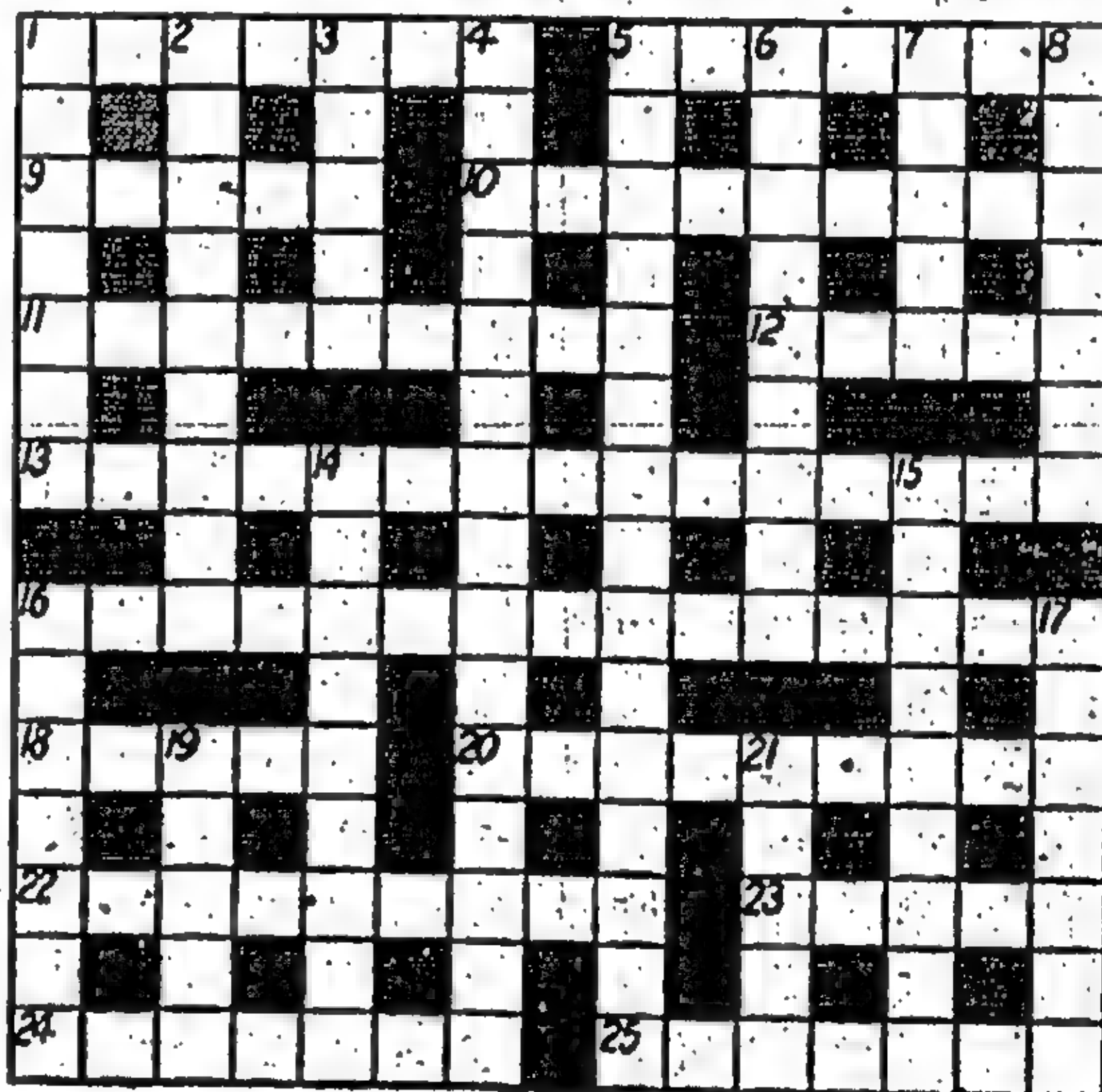
1. What is the origin of the word "bunkum" meaning empty futile talk intended to impress?
2. Given the word "Catalactics" would you assume that it meant (a) something to do with the study of milking methods (b) a medicine which destroys toxins in the blood (c) political economy.
3. Among our ancient mountains And from our lovely vales Oh let the prayer re-echo God Bless the Prince of Wales. Who wrote this and when?
4. "It is not that the Englishman cannot feel—he is afraid to feel. He has been taught... feeling is bad form. He must not express great joy or sorrow, or even open his mouth too wide when he talks—his pipe might fall out if he did." Whose estimate of the English character was this?
5. The longest ski lift in the world is known as "The Chairway to the Stars." It is a two miles long electric chair lift. Where is it to be found?

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air reconnaissance on the Egyptian border. What is his post in the Government?

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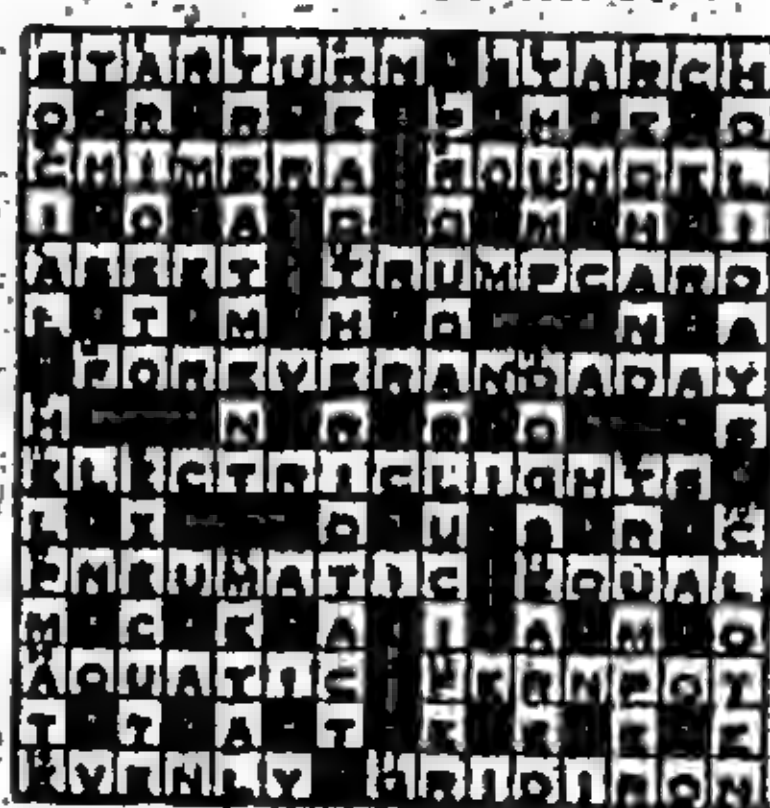
ACROSS

- 1 Adjuration to become a mouse. (7)
- 5 American amateur town in Germany? (7)
- 9 By which things are naturally earthed. (6)
- 10 No doubt it goes with a bang. (4, 6)
- 11 Bury the cable. (9)
- 12 Assembly of fast ships presumably. (5)
- 13 Wonderland nursery cab? (7, 5-3)
- 15 Some one might let you live in one of them. (6, 6)

DOWN

- 2 Tlax for cowboy. (5)
- 20 Irish complaint that was prescribed for Palestine. (9)
- 22 His penalties were fitting. (3, 6)
- 23 Scottish cry of welcome. (5)
- 24 Where the English marbles come from. (7)
- 25 The poet carries his own writing materials. (7)

SOLUTION TO No. 91



PILSNER

BRIDGE

The control of play in a contract in a suit is of a dual character. It operates both through high cards and through trumps. The former is known as "suit control," and the latter as "trump control." In No-trump contracts there is the disadvantage that only one of the two controls operates, and in this case there is the risk of losing control of play in any of the suits when high-card controls are inadequate. Consider this hand from a recent rubber.

S K J 8 x
H J x x
D A x x
C J 10 x

S A x
H x x
D Q J 9 x x
C Q x x x

N S 10 9 x x
W E H A 10 8
S D x x
C K x x

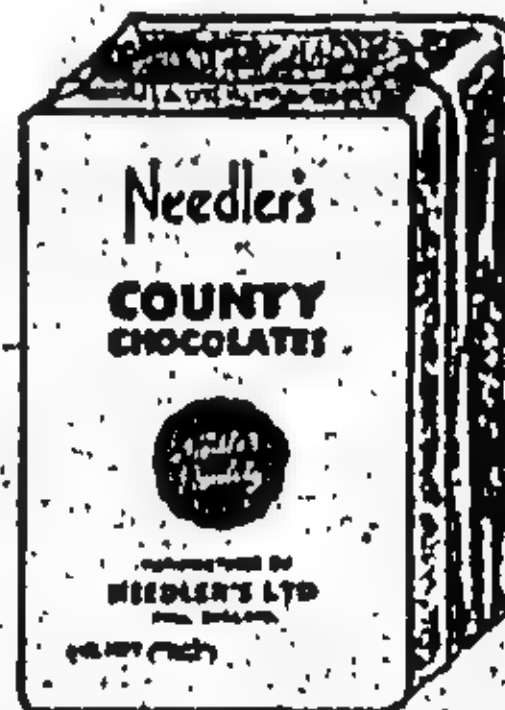
S Q x x
H K Q x x
D K 10 8
C A 9 x

The Queen of Diamonds was led to the King against a contract of three No-trumps by South. Opponents have controls in all four suits coupled with the threat not only of long winners in Diamonds but also probably of a long winner in Hearts and one in Spades, because it is an even chance that six outstanding cards in a suit will be divided four and two.

We see after considering these threats how difficult a contract in No-trumps can be. At trick two, a small Spade was led to the Jack, West ducking. At trick three a small Heart was led to the Queen, East ducking. It will be seen that if East plays his Ace and returns a Diamond the contract can be beaten, thus showing that the declarer's high-card controls were inadequate.

For the defence, too, a contract in No-trumps can be costly if the best use is not made of controls. At trick four a small Spade was led dropping the Ace, thereby killing the sure entry card for the Diamonds. West (now dreading a Heart lead because one was led at trick three) led the Jack of Diamonds in the forlorn hope of dropping the 10 and to kill dummy's entry card. The rest was routine.

The feature of interest is how complicated play becomes (for both sides) when there is no "trump control" to supplement "suit control." The possible variations in play are then greatly increased, and so are the blunders. A long solid suit is a great advantage in play in No-trump because it forces discards, thereby simplifying play.



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WHAT I SAW OF JAVA'S REIGN OF TERROR

Three weeks ago I was in the highlands of Java, listening to the true-life stories which might have been taken straight from the novels of Fenimore Cooper.

These fascinating romances of strong men and the Redskins by night seemed to have their parallel in Sukhumburi—only the heroes were phlegmatic Dutch planters and the scenes were laid not in trackless prairies but in lands where a truce was supposed to prevail and in which the Good Offices Commission of the United Nations Organisation exercised its benign influence.

One of these stories told by a middle-aged, middle-class Dutchman, was of a ten estate wretchedly destroyed by Indonesian Republicans in 1947, and now in painful process of rehabilitation.

Seven times in a fortnight his house had been raided by a band of Republican marauders equipped with weapons supplied to them by the Japanese in 1945. Each time the raiders had been repulsed by the Dutch manager and his 20 loyal men. A timely reminder that Soekarno, former collaborator with the Japanese, does not by any means represent the whole of Indonesia.

Others spoke of attacks by day and of the brutal murders of loyal Indonesian staff, or of the deliberate destruction of roads and bridges by the Republicans and the supporting evidence of this latter statement was too easy to see. All of these men bore signs of the stress and strain of living working under such conditions.

One clear fact was that the word "trust" meant nothing to the Republicans, ex-

cept as a convenient shelter from which they could attack the over-patient Dutch.

The traditional British fondness for the under-dog—even though he may have started the quarrel—has combined with our understandable smugness at having completed the transfer

By
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of power in India to produce in the singular blindness of the Dutch in the Netherlands East Indies.

We write and speak as though the Dutch were struggling to retain their mastery, whereas in fact they have committed themselves, voluntarily and beyond recall, to the policy of immediate self-government for Indonesia.

Good Colonists
Freedom, indeed, is not in issue at all—the main controversy is as to whether the Indonesian Islands are to constitute a federation of equal partners, or unitary State ruled by a section of one of the many peoples who inhabit the islands.

The second issue is as to the relationship of the self-governing Indonesia to Holland. Is there to be something like Dominion status or a complete severance of the link?

It is generally admitted that the Dutch were good colonists in the sense that they provided an efficient administration and brought a high level of prosperity to the territories over which they ruled.

When the Japanese overran Indonesia they did everything possible to ferment anti-European and anti-Dutch feeling, and on August 11, 1945, just before their surrender, they summoned Dr Soekarno, well known as an extreme Nationalist to Saigon to instruct him to found an Indonesian Republic.

The new Republic was given an unnatural chance as a result of Allied policy, which left the Japanese in control of Java for some time after the surrender. During this period the Japanese encouraged but also armed the Republicans so that before the Japanese withdrawal Dr Soekarno and his followers were in effective possession of the island.

Broken Truce
In due course, first the British and then the Dutch reoccupied large areas. Nearly half of Java was left in the hands of the Republicans. Fighting went on for some time, but eventually a truce was arranged between the Republican and Federal, that is the Dutch, areas.

The truce has not been observed by the Republicans who systematically maintained an atmosphere of violence and fear in which any kind of settlement was impossible.

We can at least say that the Dutch have perhaps acted just in time to prevent Indonesia from sliding into a chaos like that in Burma.

Refugees made homeless by the reign of terror in Java return to find smoking ruins. Retreating extremists set fire to buildings before they fled.

MEN, WOMEN AND MEMORIES

By Atticus

That forthright sailor Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham of Hyndhope, to whom General Eisenhower has paid striking tribute in "Crusade in Europe," is himself writing a book which promises to be a best seller. It is the record of his eventful naval career which began as a midshipman in the Boer War and ended as First Sea Lord in the summer of 1946.

Lt. Nelson, Andrew Cunningham is essentially a man of action, against the routine of staff work and administration, and I imagine that no First Sea Lord spent so little of his career in the Admiralty. In the Mediterranean he became a legendary figure. Never sparing himself, he drove his men hard, and from every man in the Fleet he commanded a loyalty and regard amounting almost to hero worship.

As "A.B.C."—as he is affectionately known in the Service—writes in his preface, I wonder whether he recalls the Latin inscription carved in the stonework of the great fireplace in his villa overlooking the port of Algiers. It ran: "Nulla Pluit Cujus Meminisse Non Juvet," and none of his captains hidden to their Commander-in-Chief's table escaped the task of essaying a translation. The memory of that tag may temper some of the more outspoken criticisms which I expect from this great war leader.

Tuan Ulysses

Mr. Eden always a strenuous traveller, has set himself a particularly heavy schedule for his tour of the Commonwealth. He left on Tuesday for Canada where his first engagement will be at Toronto. He then goes to Ottawa, where during the war he attended a meeting of the Canadian Cabinet, and then to Winnipeg and Vancouver. From Vancouver he goes to New Zealand and Australia, where, as the guest of the two Governments, he has a programme of which a pre-war American tourist would be proud.

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BUDGET FOR A BRITISH FILM

By JOHN HALL

This is a Private View of the non-published details of the latest British feature film. It is a budget and where the money goes, and goes, and goes.

are the audited costs of a British film which took 15 days to complete from the producer bought the rights to the finished reels were sent to the distributors last week.

the standards of the British film industry—now flailed with the expense of extravagance—it was expensive. Most of the costs were normal for a good home-produced, full-length film, which means that you can apply these figures to practically any British film that is in your neighbourhood this week, unless it is of those 2,500,000 or even 3,000,000 extravaganzas.

the producer estimated that would cost about £210,000 to go, and he got backing for the amount before he started. Usually it cost £212,040, and this is how the money was spent:

rights of story 14,040
adaptation by author and to helpers (four months' work) 3,000
negative (170,000ft.) and sound track (200,000ft.), and processing 5,500
dresses and wardrobe expenses 2,500
of Artists 13,225
extra stars (40) 12,043
extra players (3,000) 8,276

audio costs:
Hire of two sound studios for 18 weeks 40,875
rent of offices, etc. 2,063
setting equip-ment, cameras, "props," etc. 9,076
make-up, hair-dressing, and materials 4,500
editing, recording and finishing film negative 3,873
ages of studio staffs, technicians, carpenter

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ters, scene shifters, etc. (about 400) 40,500
Contribution towards studio staff's holidays-with-pay 2,395
Travel allowances for staff 496
Tool allowance (for break-ages, etc.) 127
Other studio costs (re-sources, cleaners, etc.) 2,076
Electric current 106,092

Top technicians (whose names appear on the credits) 14,325
Wardrobe designers (Transport (hire cars, etc.) 3,000
Expenses on location (two weeks), hotels, etc. 4,131
Music, composing, orchestration, etc. 2,059
Production publicity, including personal appearances by stars (hotels, fares, etc.) 5,387
Insurance (against hold-ups, stars' illness, etc.) 9,227
Auditors' and legal fees 454
Director's salary (for 15 months' work) 3,500
Producer's salary (ditto) 4,000

By far the largest amount, £106,092, was paid to the studio-owners. Renting a film studio is like renting a super-furnished luxury flat multiplied several thousands of times. The studio-

owners lay on almost everything—studio cameras, recording gear, lights, effects, and every type of worker from stage hands to floor-sweepers—and they charge for every item.

In hiring out their workers, for example, the studio-owners charge the producer the workers' wages plus a surcharge of 7 1/2 per cent, plus a holiday-with-pay contribution of, in this instance, £2,395.

Costs 'Crippling'

Free-lance producers, the men who have made many of Britain's finest films, complain that studio costs are crippling. The studios reply that they have to maintain the facilities, and armies of employees, all the year round whether any film-producer comes along or not.

Many a filmgoer goggles at the stars' earnings—a schoolboy gets £1,000 a year for one film and then a £30,000 contract—and wonders whether all that money is really necessary.

Answers are that, as those audited costs show, the stars' salaries are not always a major account, and anyway it may pay to hire at high cost a world-famous star such as Laurence Olivier to ensure a world market; that the mass of twice-a-week filmgoers who are the real gold in the box-office demand glamour around their favourites; and that there is open star-snatching between the British industry and Hollywood, with the dollar-dripping Americans always alert to lure our top stars to California.

And if you ask why some of the top technicians get such high salaries—the make-up expert in

the first drawer is that some Hollywood pay standards have crept over here.

And the second answer is that most people inside, and on the fringe of, the film industry, observing the way cash is scattered at certain stages, and the huge gross revenues earned, look upon film-making as the original layer of golden eggs and line-up for their share. This is where the backers blench and creep away to padlock their cheque-books.

If it is a big success this film will yield a profit of between £10,000 and £12,000—after paying close on £900,000 in entertainment tax and other charges. It is not a big success the backers will lose money.

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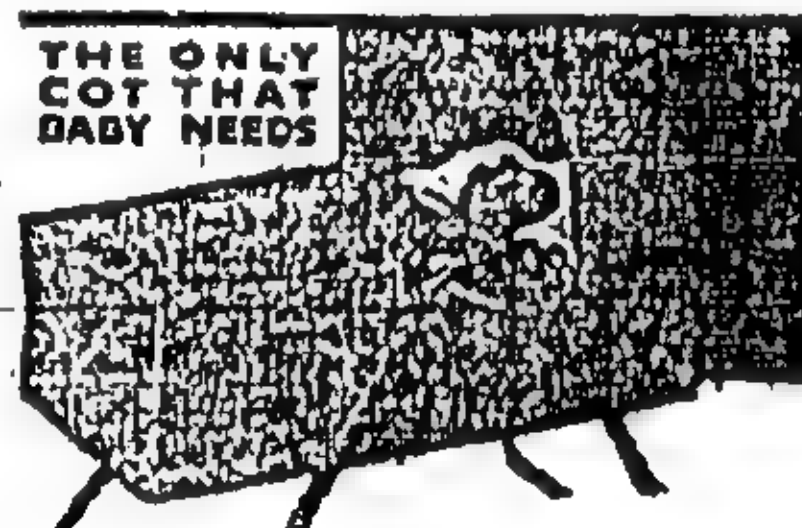
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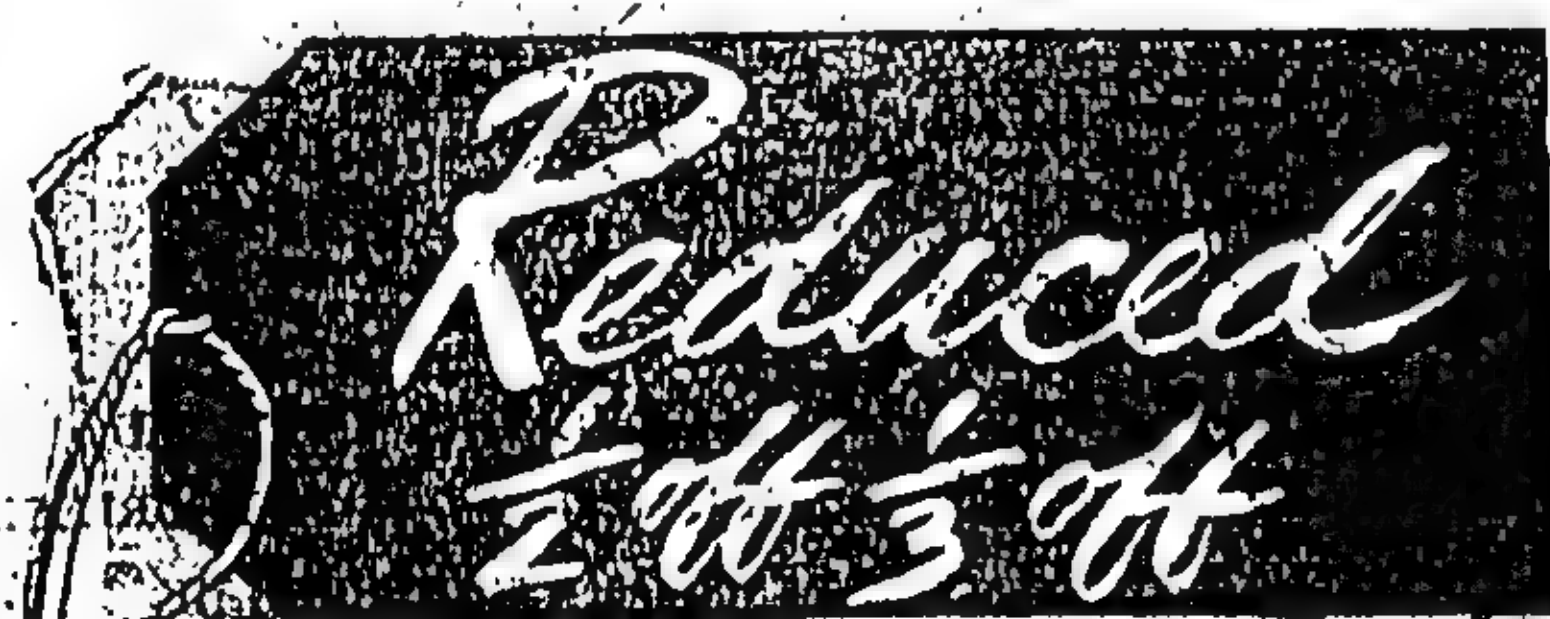
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BETWEEN OURSELVES UNBLEMISHED BEAUTY PLAN AHEAD

By CLAUDIA

There is no greater beauty asset than a fine, flawless skin, which good health and wise eating go a long way to ensure. All the same, there are times of the year when poor condition of the skin, eruptions or disturbances trouble nearly everyone.

It is then that external treatment must be called upon to alleviate, soothe and camouflage while the cause of the trouble is being dealt with from within.

There are too, those more permanent blemishes which cannot be easily removed, but which skilful make-up can so successfully conceal that all cause for self-consciousness may be forgotten. The simpler blemishes can be corrected and, by careful use of modern aids, the more serious ones need not be endured.

Blackheads are perhaps the most common of all minor blemishes. They are caused by the pores having become clogged, and should be attended to before the opening of the pore becomes permanently enlarged. The face should be thoroughly cleaned with warm water and soap. Then throw a towel over the head and steam the face over a bowl of boiling water for five minutes.

Press Gently

After steaming, the blackheads may be removed by pressing very gently with two fingertips wrapped in cotton wool which has been moistened with antiseptic lotion. In obstinate cases a special black-head remover may be used, but on no account should the blackhead be squeezed. Squeezing will bruise the tissues and may turn the blackhead into a really painful spot.

When the pore is clear, apply a good astringent lotion to help it contract. By keeping it quite clear and using the astringent before every make-up, you will hasten the return to normal.

Small spots and pimples are often the result of too many rich things to eat. A mild laxative and a little attention to your diet will soon clear these up. Meanwhile, leave them severely alone, and from a touch of antiseptic ointment at night. It is always a temptation to touch a spot, to try and hasten it away. Pressing or

squeezing is more likely to make things worse rather than better.

More serious skin eruptions, such as acne, should be treated medically, but you can help too, by using one of the special acne or skin clearing lotions which help to draw out the acids and poisons from beneath the skin surface. No make-up should be used while under treatment except antiseptic cream and a little antiseptic powder. Ordinary make-up just spreads the trouble as you blend it in.

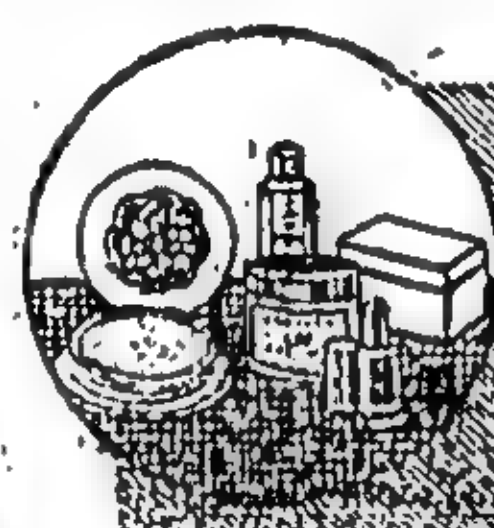
Once the skin is clear, however, the right make-up will cover the scars while they are lying away and conceal any permanent ones which may be left in bad cases.

Best Make-up

For all skin blemishes, whether spots, scars, or broken veins, in fact for everything which needs covering up or camouflaging, the cake-type make-up, or the new stick make-up are by far the best. They need not be heavily applied, but they do have a concealing film over the skin which will stay on until you remove it yourself.

These make-ups are made in a whole range of skin tones and it is most important to choose the one which blends with your own skin colour. Just a tint darker is the ideal.

Perhaps the blemish is of a more serious nature—a birthmark, a mole or a "port wine" mark. For these there is a cover-mark preparation, a thick cream or stick makeup, tinted to match the natural skin shade. This is applied only over the discoloured area, covering the edges of the mark, and while still tacky, it is powdered over thickly to match the rest of the face. It takes time to learn to do the blending skilfully, but with care, even the most vivid mark can be completely concealed.



At Your Fingertips
by VICTOR MAMAK

"Dear Mr. Mamak, I have long, black eyelashes, but they are not thick and curly enough for my liking. I shall be very grateful if you will kindly suggest something that will improve them. I often hear my friends say that by cutting the tips off, they will grow thicker and longer in time. I am afraid to take this chance since I am not sure if this method may not have the opposite effect. What do you advise?"

Also, my face is somewhat of a roundish shape, and I wish to make it appear longer. I dislike round faces and I always envy those who have long ones. How can I make my face look longer?" MISS D. W.

I do not advise you to cut the tips of your eyelashes, although it is believed in certain quarters that this technique induces the lashes to grow thicker and longer.

Since you already possess long lashes, you do not really have to grow them any longer. A touch of black mascara will help to make your lashes look slightly thicker, but see that you apply the mascara carefully and ever so subtly. You must avoid any beaded effect, and this is how you do it.

Apply the mascara and before it is completely dry, go over your lashes with another eyelash brush which is free from mascara. Also, apply your mascara only to the outer two-thirds of the upper lashes—no mascara on the lower lashes is necessary.

To give a curly effect to your lashes, make use of an eyelash curler, but make sure that you use it expertly. Flit the lashes carefully between its edges and see that no part of the lid goes

into them. Of course, you will use the curler before applying the mascara.

I do not understand why you should envy women with long faces. Perhaps you mean an oval shaped face. Remember oval is considered the ideal shape for a face, and the ultimate objective of any make-up is to make the face appear as near the perfect OVAL as possible.

This effect can be achieved by applying Optical Illusion to your make-up. This, however, needs constant practice to achieve perfection. Space would not allow to elaborate on this subject, but I am mailing you a leaflet with instructions on how to get an oval effect on a round face with make-up. However, you must not forget that a round face usually possesses a natural, youthful charm, which is definitely appealing.



The woman with imagination can do wonders for her spring wardrobe—cheaply—by planning ahead.

For instance, the smart ensemble sketched on the left has been obtained at very low cost by using the jacket of a short-skirted suit with a new-length contrasting skirt. In this case, the jacket came from a black hopsack suit, and a black, blue and white houndstooth check skirt.

Many attractive coat styles with front inset of knife pleats, are available now, such as the donkey brown coat above, with narrow waist and long flared skirt.

The evening dress shown, of white nylon marguerite with tiered skirt, edged with a black net trim, is the last word for the younger woman.

An ideal dress for the larger figure is sketched second from the right, in printed crepe with front-pleated skirt and full bishop's sleeves.



Perfect with suits and equally at home with extra skirts, is why Barbara Hille declares this white crepe classic blouse is an essential in her wardrobe. Note the high collar which ends in a nice big bow, to make a pretty line at the neck of your jackets.

SKIRT FASHION NEWS

American ewinter fashions, like London and Paris models, show modagrati in theme which brings hemlines and shoulder treatment into the line-light.

Hemline news no longer centres on skirt lengths, which have stayed at 34 in. from the ground. The hemline itself is now more important than the skirt. A deep band of knife or box pleats, an elaborately pleated ruffle, or a simple low-placed dounce breaks the line of the skirt.

Skirts have been considerably slimmer. Fullness, where it exists, is controlled, and back in-

terest follows through in a subdued manner.

Waistline news is the moulded midriff. A seam under the bust gives a youthful flattering line and contrast in colours for the top part of the bodice emphasises the effect.

Caped Frocks

Low-necklines are outlined by neckline or beaded trimming. Capeslets, appearing more and more frequently, continue as fashion news.

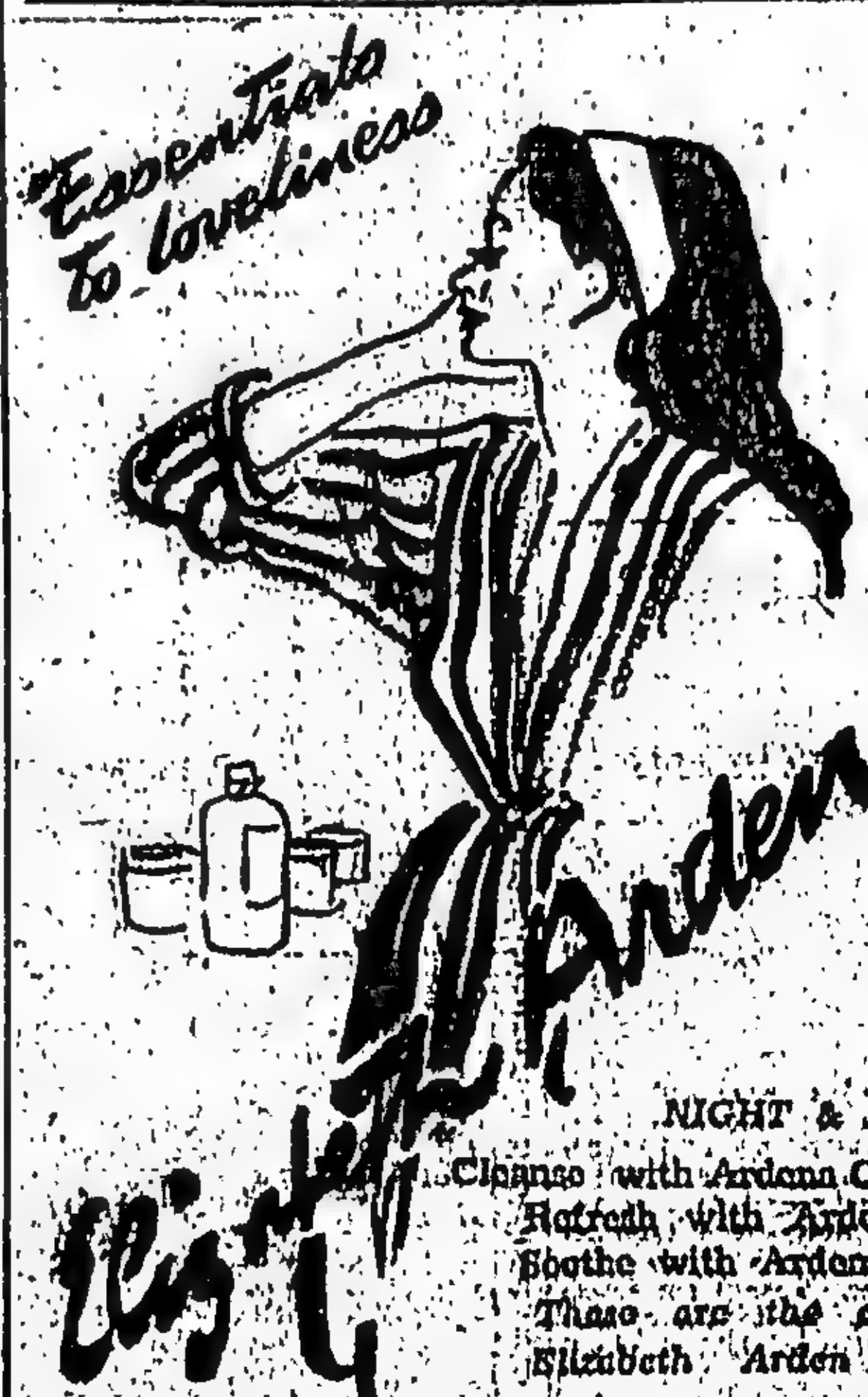
There are also bertha and fichu collars to choose from. As contrast to the bouffant, generous skirt is a new skin note

for afternoon or cocktail frocks. At a recent fashion show, most popular model was a brown crepe with flounced hemline, slim hip-fitting, and aqua yoke beaded in rhine-stones.

The tops of the short sleeves were also in aqua with rhine-stone embroidery.

Peplums accentuate midriff details, especially peplums which are flat in front and extend to flared drapes at the back of the dress.

The cape collar bordered in aqua or beaded in an all-over design is an increasingly popular fashion from teen-ages onwards.



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LOVELY IN LACE

By JANET MARTIN

Lace is one of the most charming, as well as obliging, of all the lovely fabrics we have at our disposal. To make a new dress, to lend a new lease of life to an old one, or merely in the role of trimmings, lace is equally happy. Every season brings us something lovely in lace, and as there are as many ways of using it as there are different kinds to use, lace is never likely to become a Cinderella of fashion.

This season's best idea, of course, is the whole, and for evening wear, for something light, so slim around the shoulders, lace is well worth considering. In lace, your stole can be a filmy affair of the finest needlepoint lined in chiffon or gauze or it can be something warm and dramatic, lined in velvet.

Two quite different versions serve to illustrate this idea. First, a stole of fine black silk lace, lined with gold or silver gauze which glitters through the pattern most effectively. Second, a stole of heavy black lace, lined in ring velvet to match your gown, very rich and graceful.

Taffeta Underskirt

For a new gown, lace is a pleasant change from all the stiff silks and taffetas we have been wearing, and there are some exquisite laces to be found in the shops just now. For an idea, there is Balenciaga's gown, black lace down edge to edge over pruned taffeta. The taffeta underskirt is strapless while the lace cut to a deep "swagheart" neckline, has elbow sleeves and edges of fine pleated black tulle fulls.

Lace, partnered by other fabrics, appears everywhere in the smartest circles. The high, empire bodice, emphasized in coarse finest lace, tops a row of dull crepe. A pom-pom flower of the stiffened lace catches the draping of the skirt at the left hip.

Balenciaga's royal black velvet has a deep bertha flounce, falling over the shoulders from the low, rounded neckline and edged with a wide band of white lace, encrusted with crystal beads and silver cord. Matching gloves have wide, gauntlet cuffs edged with the same lace and embroidery.

A Thousand Uses

Lace for renovations has a thousand uses. Most of us have in our wardrobes at least one dress, perhaps not too old, but short enough, or light enough, to make it unwearable as it is.

A black dress usually recovers gracefully with black lace retrimming, backed, perhaps, with a pastel shade for contrast.

Perhaps you have an evening gown with a pretty skirt but a dull top? Cut the top off just below the bust line, and add a small piece of lace, strapless for a formal gown, or with filmy sleeves and a high neck lined with flesh tinted georgette. The transformation will give you a new gown with the Empire line.

Corset Shape

A cocktail frock which is a little too tight round the bust, or which merely needs a new lease of life, can be cut to a corset shape at the top, curving from just below the armholes to a deep V point at the centre front. Then add a new yoke and sleeves of matching lace backed with pastel tinted silk or georgette.

Gathered skirts can be dropped in, using inch, or two, of lace by inserting a midriff of lace from high waist to just above the hips. An inset band of the same lace, in the skirt and a touch of lace at the neckline, will make the alteration undetectable.

A dress that is too tight can be given a half-bodice and one sleeve of lace and a matching lace panel inserted in the skirt on the opposite side to balance the top and give extra width at the same time.

Take A Beauty Holiday

Here's a whole bag of ideas for the beauty wise:

Take any day of the week, it will, probably be Sunday, and declare a health and beauty holiday, spend the whole day in bed, eating and drinking, only your favourite fruits, salads, and juices. Wonderful for the complexion, relaxing for the nerves, and soothing to the temper.

Sit up when you sit down, it's more restful, keep the back from slipping forward, firmly against the chair back, neck out of the shoulders. Let hands relax quietly in the lap.

Before any study, think, rub nails over, and dig them deeply into a moist cake of soap, it will help keep you alert, and at the same time any that does get in will remove easily.

Wash your own hair, sometimes, and brush it in the sun, even if it has to be redamped later for setting. Combined action of sunlight and brush gives it that extra colour boost.

Wash and disinfect brushes and combs, toothbrush, and now a special toothbrush, a knob of soap, clean the hair, dampen, and wash with water, rejuvenate.



Exquisite lace is used for the long bodice of this evening gown worn by Alexis Smith, over a graceful skirt of tulle.

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Once applied, touching up is easy. A smudged area can be wiped with a slightly moistened cleansing tissue, a light stroke of Pan-Stik applied and blended smoothly into the rest of the make-up.

Colour Problems

Designing clothes for Technicolor films is an extremely complicated task since the costumes have to become the weavers, suggest their screen characters, look well under the brilliant lighting which is necessary and blend harmoniously with the general scenery.

A leading expert is clever, white-haired Elizabeth Haffenden, who has recently, "Dressed" Britain's greatest colour film of the year, "Christopher Columbus". As the explorer's play young wife, Sonia Holm, is attired in soft blue, while the handsome Court adventures, depicted by Linden Travers, wears sophisticated reds and mauves lavishly trimmed with gold.

Florence Eldridge, playing the Queen of Spain, has dazzlingly embroidered toilettes for the State functions, but a simple black wool dress for scenes which show her in her library. When Miss Haffenden was undertaking research into the costumes of 1492, she discovered that the practical Queen of Spain always wore an old black dress to deal with her correspondence because it did not show the splashes of the black paint with which she drew her royal signature!

Blonde Christine Norden, soon to be seen in a film with an Irish background called "Sabin and Sabin", carefully tears off the stamps from the letters she receives from her admirers. Recently she took a large white dinner plate, painted it with gipsy and stuck the stamps all over it. Then she gave the plate a coat of clear varnish, and now it is hanging on the wall of her dressing room, an interesting and decorative piece.

Plain classic sweaters are liked by most women, and Valerie Hobson often wears them all day long. At home at night she takes a simple black sweater, pushes the sleeves up to her elbows, dresses the neckline with a heavy gilt necklace and then completes her attire by a bright pink flannel skirt and black tights.

Latest From Paris



MOLYNEUX'S latest models. Sketches of Molyneux models in a new Paris collection show a black velvet cocktail frock with Jane Austin bodice and hip draping, a grey wool dress which resembles a suit with black velvet bows on collar and cuffs; a Persian lamb-trimmed top-coat of face-cloth with matching muff.

A GIRL'S CAREER

What is your opinion of a University career for a girl?

My daughter's headmistress begs us to let our daughter take her schooling and go on to the University because she considers her a brilliant scholar.

Our two boys left school at 16 and obtained good clerical posts.

There are two ways of looking at this. If you think of the University as a preparation for a career only you have to decide first on the career, and then taking a long view decide whether a degree is necessary for that particular career.

I say "a long view" because in some careers a degree, though not a qualification for entrance, is an essential to preferment to the upper ranks and the higher paid jobs.

There are jobs which are open to girls at school-leaving age, and very difficult to get into later—even in the twenties.

But looking at the University as an extension of general education, as giving a wider social and cultural background, there can be no two opinions about its value.

Girls love their college life. They love the social side, the companionship of young people from widely different backgrounds, from other countries and other races. There is every thing in their reach from games

to discussion groups to bring out and give expression to talents which previously they did not even know they possessed.

The better educated a girl is the better she is equipped for life today at all points. And, forestalling the usual criticisms, I hasten to add that experience is proving that college girls make the best wives.

How is a girl to know whether a man will make a good husband? Are there any tests she could apply?—NOT SO SURE.

Are you thinking of those early-year parcels, never-keep-you-waiting, love-dogs-and-children, remember-your-birthdays, clean-bill-of-health, steady-with-the-penny-pocket, love-me-only husband tests?

No use at all. A young man might have all the domestic virtues and bore you stiff—therefore not a good husband for you. A young man might have no domestic virtues but yet prove to be your man.

If you have any real misgivings about him, about his speech, manners, moral tastes, opinions—that's the time to test yourself, to curb your heart if it's running away with your head. But if you are happy with a man, mentally, spiritually, and physically—if you have no misgivings—you can make a good husband out of him.

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Plain gauntlets team up with this flat purse to make a matching set of tawny doeskin accessories which Betsy Drake wears with a classic black dress. She makes her screen debut in RKO Radio's "Every Girl Should Be Married," starring Cary Grant, Franchot Tone and Diana Lynn. Note the strap of the bag, which is actually heavy leather, braided ending in tasseled ends. Because of the many shades now produced by manufacturers, doeskin comes in luscious pink, all the light shades of green, a milky white, and the brown hues ranging from the lightest beige to the deepest coffee brown.

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"TEGELBERG" In port	to South Africa & South America p.m. 25th Jan.	
Calling Mombasa directly "HUYB" In port	to South Africa & South America 23rd February.	
"STRAAT SOENDA" from South Africa, 12th February.	to South Africa & South America, 21st March.	
"BOISSEvain" from South America & South Africa, 31st March.	to South Africa & South America, 10th April.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America & South Africa, 5th March.	to South Africa & South America, 12th May.	

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings	
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Dell & Straits 27th Jan.	to Straits & B. Dell 4th Feb.	to Swatow, Amoy & Manila 4th February.
"VAN HEUTSZ" In port	to Straits & B. Dell 20th Feb.	

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m.v. "TONGHAI"	7th Feb.

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Spain Devalues Exchange Rate

Madrid, January 21. The devaluation of Spain's official exchange rates against the pound sterling, United States dollars, Swiss franc and Portuguese escudo was announced here today.

British tourists in future will get 100.75 pesetas to the pound sterling instead of 66 pesetas. Other exchange rates are devalued from 44 pesetas to the pound to 60 to the pound (the old tourist rate).

Exchange rates for the importation of foreign capital from the five countries will be at the old tourist rate of 66 pesetas to the pound sterling.

Air freight, sea freight, air and seaport dues, railway transit charges, and consular fees will also be paid at 66 pesetas to the pound sterling—Reuter.

New York Stock Exchange

Nw York, January 22. The stock market followed a winding path.

President Harry Truman's inaugural speech touched off a little flurry of buying on Thursday but eventually traders did not find enough in it for a base for large scale buying.

Nickel Plate showed a comparatively wide change with a gain of around two points at one time, and Superior of California, a high priced stock, was up three.

Firm most of the time was New York Central, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Deere, Sears Roebuck, U.S. Steel, Bethlehem, Swift and Company, Consolidated Natural Gas, Dow Chemical, Johns Manville, Philip Morris and American Tobacco.

Kennecott Copper lost more than a point at one time, and smaller declines appeared for General Motors, Chrysler, American Telephone, American Can, General Electric, U.S. Gypsum, Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Mission Corporation and Texas Company.

New Jones Attraction—Stocks 66.03; 20 Industrials 151.00; 15 Rails 53.91; 10 Utilities 24.91.

Adams Express 10; Alaska 24.91; American Can 19.15; American Telephone 147.75; American Tobacco 65.45; American Waterworks 7.15; Anaconda Copper 34.75; Aviation Corp. 1.45; Babcock & Wilcox 11.75; Barstow 15.15; Bendis Aviation 35; Bethlehem Steel 32.75; Boeing Aircraft 22.75; Borden Co. 41; Canadian Pacific 14.25; Case 30.75; Chrysler 68.75; Coca-Cola 32.75; Continental Baking 17; Corn Products 81.75; Du Pont 187; Eastman Kodak 44.75; Electric Light and Power 23.75; General Electric 39.75; General Motors 49.75; Goodrich 81.75; Goodyear 44.75; Homestead Mining 35.75; International Harvester 27; International Paper 50.75; International Tel & Tel 9.75; Johns Manville 35.75; Kennecott Copper 34.75; Montgomery Ward 55.75; National Lead 35.75; New York Central 42.75; Packard Motors 4.75; Pan American Airways 9; Pennsylvania R.R. 37.75; Radio Corp. 13.75; Republic Steel 20.75; Reynolds Tobacco 35.75; Sears Roebuck 39.75; Shell Oil 38.75—Associated Press.

Britain May Draw On Canada Loan

Ottawa, January 21. Britain may now resume drawing on the unused portion of her Canadian loan at the rate of \$10 million a month, Mr. Douglas Abbott, the Canadian Finance Minister, announced tonight.

The balance of the original \$1,250 million loan, which was frozen last April because of Canada's own dollar shortage, is stated to be \$235 million.

Mr. Abbott said the first withdrawal will be made this month.

Reuter financial editor wrote tonight that this supplementary Canadian aid may be marginally decisive in enabling Britain to keep the sterling area's dollar spendings within the limit of its dollar income and thus maintain London's gold and dollar reserves, which are likely to be badly needed when Marshall Aid ends in 1952.

—Reuter.

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船輪江香

H.K. DEPARTURE:

10 p.m.	23/1/1949
10 p.m.	25/1/1949
10 p.m.	27/1/1949
10 p.m.	29/1/1949
10 p.m.	31/1/1949

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British Aid To Europe

London, January 22. The British Treasury announced today that Britain gave a total of £1,738,950 to France, Greece and Austria in December as its share of the "little Marshall plan."

The payments were made under the Inter-European payments agreement signed last October under which countries receiving American ECA funds agree to make smaller grants among themselves to stimulate trade in the Continent.

Britain, under the agreement, is the largest single European donor. She agreed to give £312,000,000 to six countries. The grants are used mainly to pay for British exports to the receiving countries.

Belgium is the second biggest donor under the trade scheme. She has agreed to give £218,500,000 to 11 different countries. British grants in December were:

France £623,972 Greece £1,152,109 Austria £349,875—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 28th January will be subject to rent.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1949.

To Be Continued Tomorrow

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"BENVENUE"	U.K.	23rd Jan.
"BENROCH"	U.K.	Early Feb.

SAILINGS

"BENVRACKIE"	TO	LOADING
"BENVENUE"	Liverpool & Glasgow	24th Jan.
"BENROCH"	London	1st half Feb.
	via Aden, Port Said, Havre & Antwerp	

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"BENVENUE"	U.K.	23rd



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"PRODUCE"	Swatow & Bangkok	3 p.m. 23rd Jan.
"SHINAN"	Swatow	noon 25th Jan.
"NINSHI"	Singapore & Penang	p.m. 26th Jan.
"FENGTIEN"	Nagasaki, Yokohama & Kobe	4 p.m. 1st Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 1st Feb.
"FUKIEN"	Singapore, Macao & Sourabaya & Batavia	3rd Feb.
"HANYANG"	Incheon & Pusan	4 p.m. 6th Feb.

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ARRIVALS FROM

"ANHUI"	Shanghai	25th Jan.
"NEWCHUANG"	Shanghai	27th Jan.
"HUIHAI"	Shanghai	27th Jan.
"NANCHANG"	Batavia & Sandakan	28th Jan.
"YCHOW"	Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow	27/28th Jan.
"FENGTIEN"	Java, Spore & Sibiu	28th Jan.
"FUKIEN"	Japan, Shanghai & Keelung	30th Jan.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	30th Jan.

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"FATSHAN"	Sails for Canton 11 p.m. 23rd, 25th & 27th Jan.
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"AENEAS"	Via Genoa & Marseilles	a.m. 24th Jan.
"ANCHISES"	Via Genoa	6th Feb.
"CYCLOPS"	Via Port Sudan, Genoa & Marseilles	23rd Feb.

Arrivals from

"TANTALUS"	U.K. via Straits	20th Jan.
"CYCLOPS"	U.K. via Straits	30th Jan.
"ACHILLES"	U.K. via Straits	10th Feb.
"MEDON"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	14th Feb.

NEW YORK SERVICE

Arrivals from

"AJAX"	U.S.A. via Manila	2nd March
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Sailings to

"CHANGTE"	Kure	4th Feb.
"SHANSI"	Sandakan, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne	10th Feb.

Arrivals from

"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Brisbane	30th Jan.
"SHANSI"	Sydney, Brisbane & Manila	3rd Feb.

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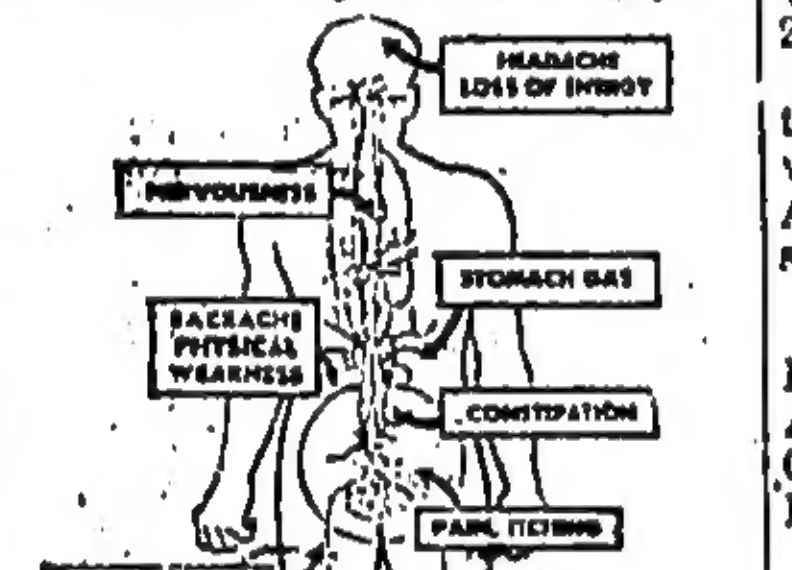
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Recreio, University Battle To Draw Optimists Beat IRC, KCC Defeated

A dramatic finish marked the First League cricket match between Club de Recreio and Hong Kong University at King's Park yesterday, the last two University batsmen playing out time to force a draw after Recreio had scored 158 for two.

HKCC "Optimists" who beat Indian Recreation Club by 23 runs at Chater Road, were almost deprived of the fruits of victory, the last IRC batsman being dismissed only half a minute from time.

HKCC "Scorpions" beat Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road by two wickets, while Army easily accounted for Royal Navy, whom they beat by 88 runs at King's Park.

Recreio—University. Club de Recreio were held to a draw by Hong Kong University in a First League cricket match at King's Park.

First to bat, Recreio, in exactly an hour and a half, piled up 158 for two wickets declared. Gerry Gosano, 62 not out; A. M. Prata (55) and L. G. Gosano (39) showed no respect for the University bowling and scored freely all round the wicket.

University's bowling was surprisingly poor and was to some extent responsible for Recreio's huge score.

The University bowling was also weak. Vanar took 1 for 28, but Koh and Teh had 39 and 50 knocked off them respectively.

University had 82 for 9 wickets when stumps were drawn. Hanson top-scored with 16 runs.

There was hardly a flaw in Recreio's fielding and this accounted for the cheap dismissal of L. T. Rido for 14 and T. Lo 12.

The most successful bowler on the pitch was Dr. H. L. Oziel, who signalled his return to local cricket by taking three wickets for nine runs in eight overs, six of which were maidens.

A spectacular incident of the match was Oziel's "bat" at mid-on; off his own first ball. This was doubly important, as it stopped the bat of J. N. Gosano (HKU) at 14. Pereira took 2 for 20 and L. G. Gosano, 2 for 10.

Recreio had some seven minutes to bring down the last University wicket to win, but Leach and Ahmann were not to be tempted and successfully played out time.

RECREIO
L. G. Gosano, b. Vanar 39
A. M. Prata, b. Teh 55
Gerry Gosano, not out 62
E. L. Gosano, not out 39
Extras 1

Total for 2 wickets (dec.) 158

(Beltrao, da Silva, Soares, B. Gosano, Pereira, Rodrigues and Oziel did not bat.)

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Leach 11 2 41 0
Teh 9 1 50 1
Koh 7 39 0
Vanar 5 28 1
Huang 1 9 0

Total for 9 wickets 82

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Pereira 14 8 20 2
E. L. Gosano 8 1 29 1
H. L. Oziel 8 0 9 3
Gerry Gosano 2 9 0
L. G. Gosano 3 10 2

"OPTIMISTS"

M. M. Little, b. Omar 24
L. D. Kilbee, lbw, Nazarin 42
N. R. Oliver, b. Omar 11
K. A. Miller, c. Ismail, b. Arculli 20
C. T. Rowe, b. Ismail 3
W. J. Slater, c. & b. Ismail 10
D. McLellan, c. Abbas, b. Arculli 17
M. Wood, not out 0
J. P. Mahon, b. Ismail 0
W. L. Howard, c. Nazarin, b. Arculli 4
A. E. Erson, run out 0
Extras 2

Total 134

Bowling Average

O M R W
A. el Arculli 12 1 51 3
M. Omar 7 1 27 0
A. R. Kitchell 2 0 11 0
K. Nazarin 4 0 23 1

NAVY

White, c. Burton, b. Barton 5
Grant, lbw, b. Jones 11
Brown, c. Jebb, b. Barton 5
Thornley, c. Murray-Brown, b. Jones 8
Fluck, b. Barton 0
Scott, b. Jones 0
Habershon, lbw, b. Barton 0
Ferguson, b. Jones 1
Greenhalgh, c. Dawe, b. Twelvrees 4
Hann, not out 12
Gerrod, b. Barton 15
Extras 2

Total 65

Bowling Analysis

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Barton 10 3 23 5
Twelvrees 3 12 1

FRIENDLY GAME

In a low scoring game at Soekunpo, Stonecutters Island Cricket Club beat HK Land Forces by one wicket.

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Taking their turn at the wicket, Stonecutters soon found themselves in difficulties, but the hefty hitting of Ferguson, who knocked up 20, gave them victory.

Miller was the most successful of the Land Force bowlers, dismissing five batsmen for 10 runs.

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Dotson, c. Connors, b. Windmill 1
Miller, run not 1
Wood, b. Noise 1
Wardle, b. Windmill 0
Gatehouse, b. Noise 7
Short, b. Noise 0
Evemy, c. and b. Noise 0
Jones, b. Windmill 14
Morgan, not out 4
Balderson, c. Gask, b. Windmill 10
Extras 10

Total 54

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
Windmill 8 4 28 6
Noise 8 1 20 3

STONECUTTERS

Hughes, b. Miller 0
Harrison, c. Miller, b. Short 0
Windmill, c. Gatehouse, b. Miller 15
Miller 15
Melfan, b. Miller 12
Noise, b. Evemy 2
Gask, b. Miller 0
Connors, c. Balderson, b. Miller 4
Ferguson, b. Dotson 20
Martin, b. Short 0
Benstead, not out 0
Extras 3

Total 64

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
Miller 9 3 10 5
Short 5 1 20 2
Evemy 3 0 18 2
Dotson 2 0 4 1

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY

T. Lo, c. Beltrao, b. Pereira 12
J. Gosano, c. and b. Oziel 14
L. T. Rido, c. Beltrao, b. Pereira 14
Chelliah, b. Oziel 0
Huang, run not 4
Hanson, c. and b. Oziel 16
Vanar, c. Beltrao, b. L. Gosano 9
Koh, lbw, b. L. Gosano 0
Ahmann, not out 0
Leach, not out 2
Extras 2

Total for 9 wickets 82

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Batting first, KCC were dismissed for a total of 66 runs, with V. C. Bond the top scorer. W. H. Davidson was in devastating form with the ball, taking five "Scorpion" wickets for the loss of only 10 runs.

H. Owen-Hughes was top scorer for the "Scorpions" with 30 runs not out. T. A. Pearce took eight wickets for 31 runs.

SCORPIONS

E. C. Fincher, b. Pearce 2
N. Hart-Baker, c. Owen-Hughes, b. Howarth 2
A. Zimmern, b. Pearce 15
W. M. Davidson, b. Pearce 0
J. Barrow, b. Howarth 25
V. C. Bond, b. Pearce 0
E. A. J. Hancock, b. Pearce 0
T. A. Madar, b. Pearce 11
G. B. Taylor, not out 11
R. E. Lee, c. Howarth, b. Pearce 2
J. P. Hewitt, c. Richardson, b. Pearce 0

Total 66

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
P. Howard 11 1 35 2
T. A. Pearce 10 3 31 8

"SCORPIONS"

L. F. Stokes, c. Taylor, b. Lee 3
O. J. Kerr, c. Zimmern, b. Davidson 12
G. B. Gibson, b. Taylor 12
H. M. Newton, c. Bond, b. Davidson 3
N. Owen-Hughes, not out 30
J. E. Richardson, c. Lee, b. Davidson 5
J. D. O'Leary, c. Zimmern, b. Davidson 5
E. F. Gee, run out 1
A. P. Weir, c. Zimmern, b. Davidson 25
H. Howarth, b. Barrow 3
Extras 3

Total for 9 wickets 96

(T. A. Pearce did not bat.)

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Adjudication Order

An Adjudication Order was made against The Universal Traders of 12 Stanley Street, Ground Floor, by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), in the Bankruptcy Court yesterday.

The Petitioning Creditors were The Dah Yeh Trading Company of Bank of East Asia Building, Mr. C. d'Almeida Castro, Official Receiver, who applied for the Adjudication Order, said that the Creditor's Petition was filed on July 21, 1947. An Interim Receiving Order was made on July 24, 1947, and a Receiving Order on August 23, 1948.

On October 6, 1948, it was resolved that the debts be adjudicated bankrupt and the Official Receiver appointed trustee.

ILLEGAL GOLD IMPORT

Charged with importing gold without a licence, Liu Tse-hsu, a married woman, was cautioned by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday and she was ordered to be confiscated.

When the ss. Haven arrived in port defendant was searched and the three loads of gold valued at \$1,000 were found in a small bag around her waist.

Defendant pleaded that the gold seized was the proceeds of the sale of her furniture when she left Tientsin for Canton.

Defendant's husband also pleaded for the return of the gold, saying that a confiscation might have a serious repercussion on his wife, and that she might even go insane.

AMERICAN FINED AT KOWLOON. An American Dick Tilken, aged 18, was fined \$20 for traffic offences by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

Tilken was charged with driving a motor cycle without due care, and without a driving licence.

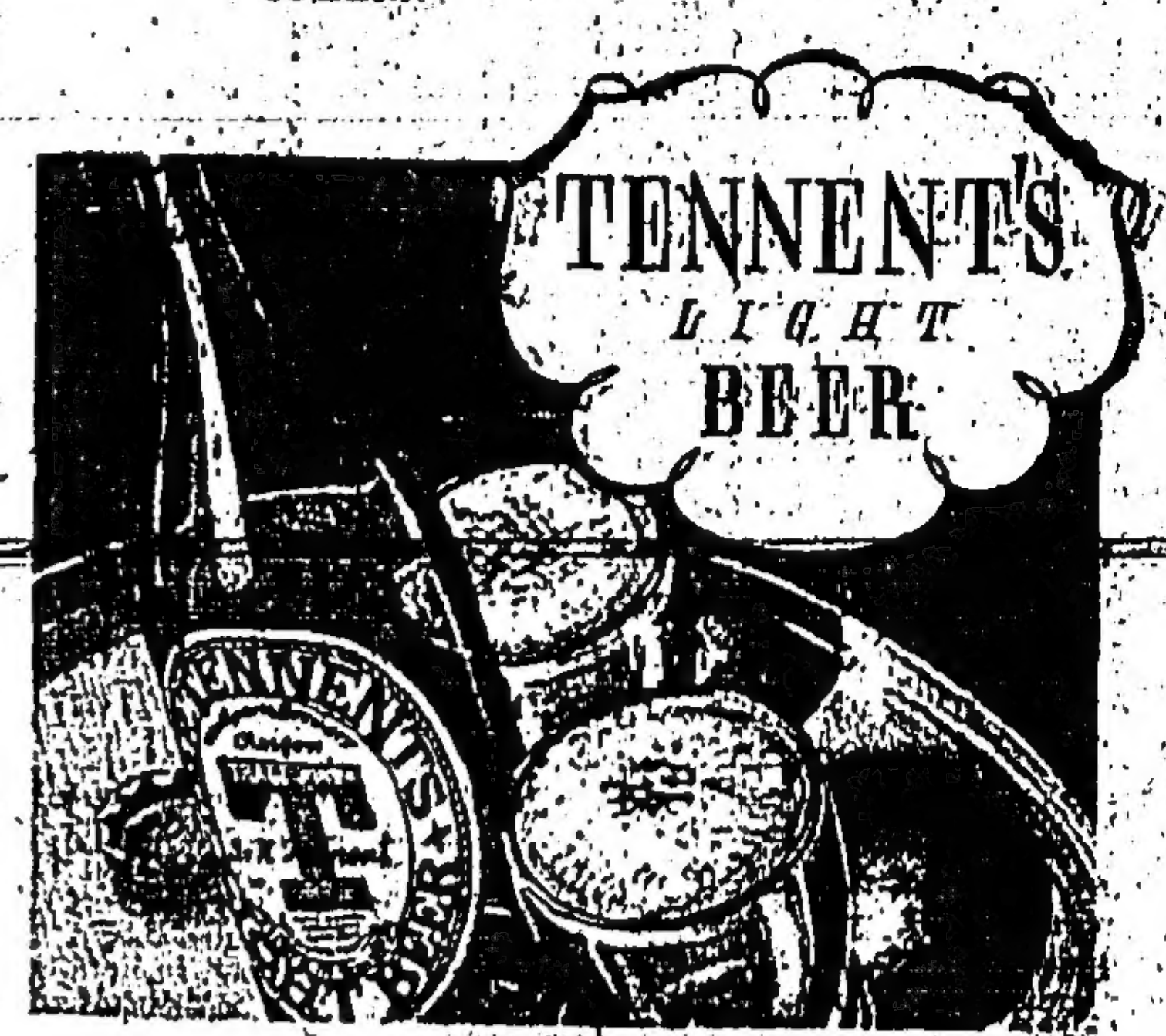
It was mentioned in court that the youth had recently arrived in the Colony and was unfamiliar with local traffic regulations.

REMOVAL

The office of the Custodian of Property, Department will move to the ground floor of Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, in the Exchange Controller's premises, on Tuesday.

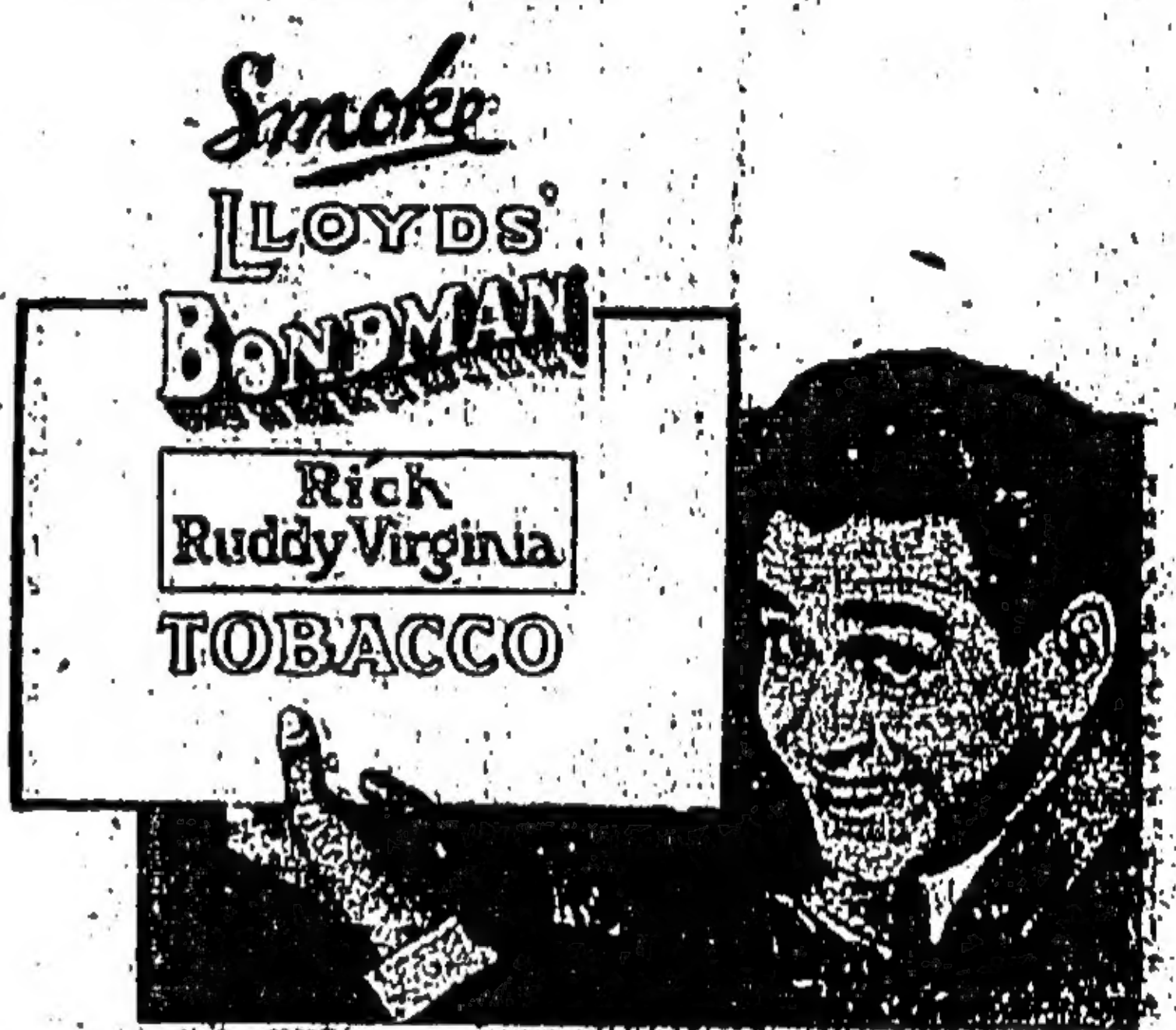
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